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## Bay among top art havens in U.S.

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Once again, Bay St. Louis has received mention in John Villani's book, *The 100 Best Small Arts Towns in America*, this time ranking in the top ten. A review of the book in Friday's edition of *U.S.A. Today* listed

the top ten art towns, and Bay St. Louis rates as number three. This is not the first time that the Bay has been mentioned in Villani's editions. The town became involved with Villani when traveling Pass Christian artist Jan Hutchinson met him at an art show. Villani told Hutchinson about his 1994 edi-

tion and she told him about Bay St. Louis. Villani called Jerry Dixon, at Serenity Gallery, and the rest is history.

Dick and Nadine Stamm were among the first wave of artists in the Bay. They moved to town in the 1960s and later opened Nadic Arts originally on Hwy. 90, and later moved to

their present location on Main St. The shop is a showcase for Nadine's paintings and Dick's antique restorations and collections.

"Dick and Nadine were the originals and were already promoting art when I arrived," said Serenity Gallery owner Dixon, who opened his first shop – a

metaphysical bookstore – on Main St. in 1986. "Jeanne Warner brought in her wonderful paintings and sort of pushed me to open the gallery."

"For a while we would have meetings, Sunday get-togethers and art openings," said Dixon.

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### Kiln Christmas Cowboy parade

The Kiln Christmas Parade kicks off today at noon at the home of Robert Moran, across from Gates for Success on Kiln-Picayune Rd. The parade route then goes by the VFW hall, loops by the fire department road, travels down Kiln-DeLisle Rd. across Hwy. 603, turns around at Annunciation Church and heads back to the VFW, where Santa will meet with the kids. The parade will include horses and wagons. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Waveland Animal Shelter.

### BHS Band wraps and performs

The Bay High Band and Chorus will present a Christmas concert this Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Robert V. Magee Auditorium. Admission is two non-perishable food items, which will be donated to the Food Pantry. The band boosters club will also be wrapping Christmas gifts in front of Cato's in Waveland on Saturday, Dec. 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Funds will be used for bus fare to Disney World.

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Construction began last week to replace culverts along Beach Blvd. just past Nicholson Ave. in Waveland. The entire job is expected to take about three months. In the mean time, through traffic on Beach Blvd. will be detoured.

## Marine Resources eyes beach replenishment plan

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Hancock County's beach replenishment plans will be on the agenda Tuesday when the Commission on Marine Resources holds its monthly meeting.

The meeting, open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. in the public auditorium of the Bolton Building, 1141 Bayview Avenue in Biloxi.

A meeting conducted by the staff of the Department of Marine Resources late last month drew between 60 to 70

people, most of whom were against the plans. However, Jim Maness, a longtime resident of South Beach Boulevard, filed a petition signed by 380 residents, whom he said favored the project.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors is proposing to pump in a sand beach stretch almost a mile from Bayou of the Bolton Building, 1141 Caddy to near Sand Bayou.

The sand would require hydraulically dredging 225,000 cubic yards of sand from an off-

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## Water, sewer rate hikes possible

Jourdan River Shores, Clermont Harbor areas to feel effects

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Water and sewer customers served by a private utility company in parts of Hancock County and Harrison County could see some kind of rate increases within the next six months.

In Thursday's legal ads in the Echo, the state Public Service Commission served public notice that Total Environmental Services, Inc., has filed petitions seeking water and sewer rate hikes in areas where it is certified to operate.

TESI took over control of 20 sewerage treatment plants and 14 water distribution systems

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## Landfill dumping will be limited

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Beginning Jan. 1, all Hancock County residents will be limited on the amount of debris they dump at the privately-owned landfill off Firetower Road.

The six-member Regional Solid Waste Authority has been wrestling for months over how to determine if individuals are dumping tree stumps, construction material and other debris from their own property

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Santa spent the day at Waveland Market on Thursday. Meagan Beddingfield was one of his first visitors of the day, accompanied by her great-grandmother, Marlene Kennedy, and mother, Angela.



# NASA hosts cleanup hearings

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

NASA held two informational hearings Tuesday to explain how it plans to go about environmental cleanups at two sites located at the sprawling Stennis Space Center.

The meetings were announced in advance, but the afternoon session held at the main Hancock County Library drew no public comment. Reporters from the Echo, the Picayune Item and the Sun Herald attended the briefing.

However, Ron Magee, NASA's Environmental officer, said almost 50 Stennis employees showed up at a morning briefing at the space center.

The two most recent sites scheduled for cleanup are among nine out of an initial 40 sites that have been under investigation since the 1990s.

The latest sites selected for cleanup are described as Areas F and G. The main contaminant of concern at both sites is trichloroethylene, which was a

common cleaning solvent used in the 1960s and 1970s.

Area F, located in the eastern boundary of Stennis, on the west side of Dean Road, was used as the fire department's training area from the 1960s to the 1970s. A shallow burn pit was used for training exercises, and extensive testing over the years found the area was contaminated with a number of volatile organic compounds, none of which were at levels high enough to cause cancer in humans, Magee explained.

Area G, located in the southern central portion of Stennis near Building 3305, was a high pressure gas facility used from the 1970s into the 1990s. Various high pressure gases were manufactured and stored in this area and compressor blowdown is suspected to have caused contamination in the area. At both sites, Magee said, there was no contamination that made its depth to 1,500 feet below surface, where NASA gets its groundwater supply.

NASA is using the Virginia-based firm of Foster-Wheeler Environmental Corp. to supervise the cleanup at both sites, Magee said.

"The cleanup will follow the same strategy we have implemented at the majority of our sites, which includes an active pump-and-treat system," said Magee. The process calls for extracting the contaminated water, removing contaminants using carbon absorption and discharging the treated water into the present Stennis wastewater discharge systems.

Magee said NASA has set aside all the estimated funds for the cleanup at both sites. Estimates are it will cost \$750,000 to clean up Area G and another \$660,627 at Area F.

Magee said the actual cleanup could begin as early as next March, and will take two to three years to complete.

The proposed cleanup plans for each area and the reports they are based on are available for review at the main Hancock

County Library.

In addition, for those unable to attend the informational session, written comment will be accepted until Dec. 31.

Letters should be addressed to: Mr. Ronald G. Magee, NASA Environmental Officer, Code RA02, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000.

Magee also used the opportunity of the forum to announce Stennis has been certified by NASA as a participant in a newly adapted Environmental Management System.

"This system approach to environmental management establishes objectives and targets for environmental improvements beyond what is required by law and includes the cleanup of the two areas at Stennis Space Center as one of its high priority objectives," said Magee.

He explained the new management system will help NASA and Stennis more effectively manage and control the impacts of its operations on the environment.

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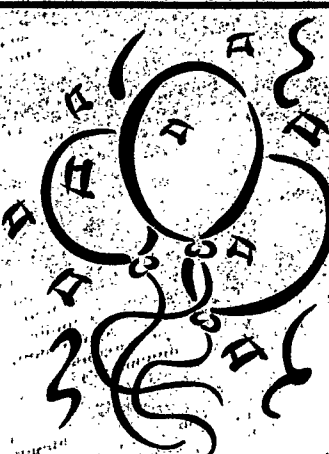
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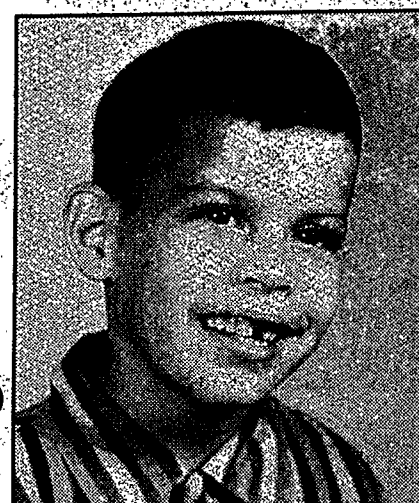
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## Olympic Torch-bearer



The Bay's very own Melva Fisher was one of the bearers of the Olympic Torch as it wound its way through New Orleans last Sunday. The torch, ignited by the sun's rays in Greece, will be carried 13,500 miles through the United States to Salt Lake City, where the Winter Olympics will be held. Fisher was sponsored by Coca Cola, and said it was a thrill to run the torch two-tenths of a mile through the historic French Quarter.



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## Account established for former Coast classical composer/pianist

### ECHO STAFF REPORT

Mississippi Gulf Coast concert halls once echoed with the music of classical pianist/composer Bonnie Roberta Barish.

At one time, Bonnie worked with the finest musicians in the world, and played concerts at the finest venues in the country.

Now, she is an artist without an instrument - and a woman without a home.

Hancock Bank has established a fund for Barish and her husband Kenneth, a freelance writer, photographer, producer, production consultant, promoter and investigative reporter for more than a quarter-century.

The Barishes have been married for the past 27 years. He is originally from New York, she from Pennsylvania.

They moved to the Mississippi Gulf Coast in the 1980s, Kenneth said, and made it their home.

They moved back to Mississippi recently after a stint on the East Coast, but, Kenneth said, multiple familial deaths - coupled with



Classical composer/pianist Bonnie Roberta Barish, left, with husband Kenneth, a writer, photographer, editor, promoter, consultant and investigator.

numerous other financial setbacks - robbed the Barishes of their savings and their home.

"I find each thing stripped from our lives that we need to live," Bonnie said last week.

That includes a place to live and her beloved piano, which is currently stranded in New Jersey.

Donations may be made to the Barish fund at any Hancock Bank location.

## Oyster Reefs to Close

### ECHO STAFF REPORT

The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has announced the closing of Area II "A" Conditionally Approved Waters, Area II "B" Conditionally Approved Waters, Area II "D" Conditionally Approved Waters and Area VIII "B" Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, effective Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, at 4 p.m.

The following areas are being closed due to rainfall amounts exceeding shellfish growing waters management plan criteria:

Area II "A" Conditionally Approved Waters, including portions of the Henderson Point Reef and northern portions of the Pass Christian Reef; Area II "B" Conditionally Approved Waters, including the St. Stanislaus Reef and Waveland Reef; Area II "D" Conditionally Approved Waters, including the public oyster reefs in St. Louis Bay between the Highway 90 Bridge and the CSX Railroad Bridge; and Area VIII "B" Conditionally Approved Waters, including the South Rigolets, L'Isle Chauve, Jose Bayou, eastern portions of the North Rigolets, eastern portions of Southwest Bayou, eastern portions of Clay Bayou, eastern portions of Middle Bayou, the eastern portion of Jose Bay and the eastern portion of Point Aux Chenes Bay.

For more information with respect to the open and closed areas, call the 24-hour Oyster Information Hotline at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes.

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## Pass mayor asks calm on Wal-Mart plans

### BY ED LEFOMA

#### Staff Writer

The possibility of a Wal-Mart Super Store coming into Pass Christian has created some tension among Mayor Billy McDonald, some townspeople and the Harrison County Development Commission.

The rumor has circulated for weeks that the giant retailer was looking to option a tract of beachfront land just past the Beachcomber lounge on the eastern fringe of the city. The large wooden lot has sat vacant since Hurricane Camille in 1969.

McDonald said the word leaked out when Mike Olivier, Executive Director of the Development Commission, mentioned the possibility of a Wal-Mart coming to town when he addressed a Rotary Club meeting in Pass Christian recently.

"It was the first I heard of it," said McDonald. "It seems like if Wal-Mart was considering coming into town, the Mayor would be involved in initial discussions."

McDonald said he learned Olivier was first contacted by a person employed by Wal-Mart to scout property for future loca-

tions.

Later, McDonald said, a person who identified himself as Tommy Vervaeke, contacted him at his City Hall office on Nov. 13, and said he wanted to meet with him soon personally.

Vervaeke never called back to make a definite appointment, McDonald said.

The Echo contacted Vervaeke in Lafayette, La., on Friday, and he verified he handles real estate transactions for Wal-Mart, whose headquarters are based in Arkansas.

"We're not ready to make an announcement," he said.

Vervaeke said, as we talked, he was trying to arrange a conference call between Wal-Mart executives and the Mayor.

Opposition was already forming in Pass Christian at the hint of a Wal-Mart coming to the historic town, although it would be on the easternmost extreme of town and outside the Historic District, McDonald said he is asking for calm reasoning until all the facts are known.

"There's 101 things to do before this might fall in place," said McDonald, adding, "If it falls in place."

Another coast Mayor, Tommy Longo of Waveland, raised the

possibility that the Wal-Mart envisioned for Pass Christian may not be on the scale of a super store.

Wal-Mart has already assembled more land behind its present store located at the busy intersection of U.S. Hwy. 90 and state Hwy. 603 in Waveland and plans to expand it to super-store status.

Longo said during his talks with Wal-Mart executives he learned the giant retailer is in an expansion mode, but their market research showed elderly people do not like shopping in the "super stores," but would patronize the smaller stores.

"Maybe that's what they are thinking of putting in Pass Christian," said Longo.

Olivier confirmed over the years, he has helped realtors scout land for future Wal-Mart locations, and for other developments along the coast. Most recently, he said he showed three sites in Long Beach and two sites in Pass Christian to Vervaeke.

He said it was his understanding Wal-Mart officials were not in a position to make any kind of announcement about a future store until after the first of the year.

## Call for artists in Bay St. Louis

If you are a painter, potter, photographer, paper maker, glass blower, carver, storyteller, writer, musician or thespian, dancer, singer or an artist of any related art form, the city would like to include you in their roster of active, working artists.

"Bay St. Louis is a working arts community, and when we brag on our city, it is our artists about whom we brag about first, and for us to have real credibility we need a viable directory of artists," said Mike Cuevas, the city's director of Cultural Affairs. Artists must live within the corporate city limits of Bay St. Louis, not just have a Bay St. Louis mailing address. They must live in Bay St. Louis at least six months during the year and have a Mississippi driver's license and be 18 years of age.

"Our efforts are directed to promote from within, confirming our support of Bay St. Louis artists, their development and enormous contribution to our city's quality of life and economy," said Cuevas. "It's hard not to include everyone who wants to be in the directory from another area, but we hope that this will be the beginning of a countywide effort to identify and locate all of our artists."

Artists are asked to contact Cuevas after 5 p.m. at 463-7120 leaving their name, mailing address, telephone number and art form.

The artist will then be

mailed an information sheet that must be completed and returned by Feb. 18. The finished directory will be used as a

resource for inquiries and other city promotions, especially during March 7-10 BayArts 2002 workshops and related events.



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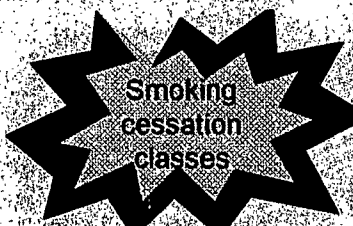
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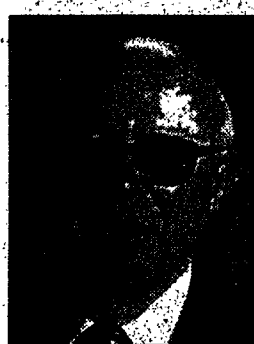
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# OPINION

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

### Move over Huntsville — our NASA beats yours

Each year the Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Post 139 and Auxiliary in Bay St. Louis provides a Christmas party for the Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteer Program and senior citizens.

This is a party in which the Legionnaires work several days with the preparation of a great turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and Auxiliary members helped in serving the crowd.

The party was last Wednesday, and more than 250 senior members of the area enjoyed the dinner along with drawings for gifts donated by the Senior Citizens Program, RSVP, Edmond Fahey and Wal-Mart.

And Santa was there in addition to Mrs. Santa to bring joy to all as they enjoyed the party.

Everyone wishes to express appreciation to the Bay St. Louis American Legion and Auxiliary for a great party.

Move over Huntsville, Hancock County is going to take the lead in about three years with the opening of the 'Disney-style, NASA history' 60,000-square-foot facility in the works.

The yet unnamed facility will feature hands-on exhibits and simulations that highlight Mississippi's contribution to the U.S.

space program. Having visited Huntsville earlier this year, I know there is a lot of space history there, but it appears the \$50 million-plus attraction for Hancock County will have much more to offer.

As many of you know, Leo Seal, Jr., chairman of Hancock Bank, is head of the volunteer organization. He recently touted the attraction at a meeting of the Mississippi Economic Council.

Plans call for the StennisSphere, which is now located at the John C. Stennis Space Center, and much more is to be located at the new facility.

A new park will be adjacent to the Mississippi Welcome Center at the intersection of Interstate 10 and Highway 607.

The StennisSphere has been closed since Sept. 11 for security reasons, with the exception for several bus loads of young students.

During the StennisSphere's operation of a few months over a year, it was recognized as the state's top attraction with some 250,000 visitors.

Other planned items include a large-screen Imax-type theater, lunar module, large restaurant, a Mississippi heritage display and other exhibits that showcase the state's high-tech and environmental achievements. I am looking forward to the development of this major project right here in Hancock County.

## Stephen Ambrose has triumphed again

Renowned war historian Stephen Ambrose, who we are fortunate enough to have as a resident of Mississippi, has triumphed again in commemorating the story of how we Americans shed blood and sometime our lives to win what is rightfully called WORLD WAR II.

With hands playing and hundreds of old veterans gathered last weekend, the first phase of the Pacific War Museum was dedicated as a wing of the D-Day Museum which opened in New Orleans June 6, 2000.

The new Pacific War wing will be enlarged, filled with more artifacts, and moved to a separate building across the street sometime next year.

Both museums are the result of Ambrose's fascination with WWII and his determination to create a permanent visual, interactive remembrance for Americans to see how their nation's only global, two-front war was fought, and WON.

As a veteran of the war in the Pacific, I wanted to be on hand for the new exhibit opening and share memories and personal experiences with fellow Pacific vets and others who streamed through the exhibit.

Early last year when I met Ambrose at a dinner in Jackson he had promised that a new wing of his D-Day Museum would be dedicated to the Pacific War and that he was shooting for Dec. 7, 2001 — the

60th year of the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor as the opening date.

I, like thousands of others who fought in the Pacific, therefore, are grateful to Ambrose that he fulfilled that promise, with even more of Pacific War memorabilia and history to come later.

Fourteen Médal of Honor winners were here for the opening ceremony, along with such other luminaries as former President George Bush, whose carrier-based plane, had been shot down in the Bonin Islands near my ship in the Pacific, and movie star Tom Hanks, whose role in "Saving Private Ryan" made him a WWII buff.

My destroyer, the USS Stephen Potter, could have well been the ship that rescued President Bush, since over the course of the Pacific War we picked up dozens of downed

pilots. But it didn't happen he was one of them.

Of the numerous videos and animated maps in the museum's 5000 sq. ft. gallery, I was especially struck by a 9-minute film depicting with sound the Battle of the Philippine Sea, June 19-21, 1944, known to us as the "Marianas Turkey Shoot." It was the greatest battle involving aircraft carriers in naval history. My ship was a member of Task Force 58, the main target of the Japanese carrier force.

During the melee, we rescued seven downed pilots, most of whom had to ditch their planes as they returned at dusk with dry gas tanks from the long-distance strikes made on the Japanese fleet.

And in the meanwhile, the Potter's guns (my bailiwick) had

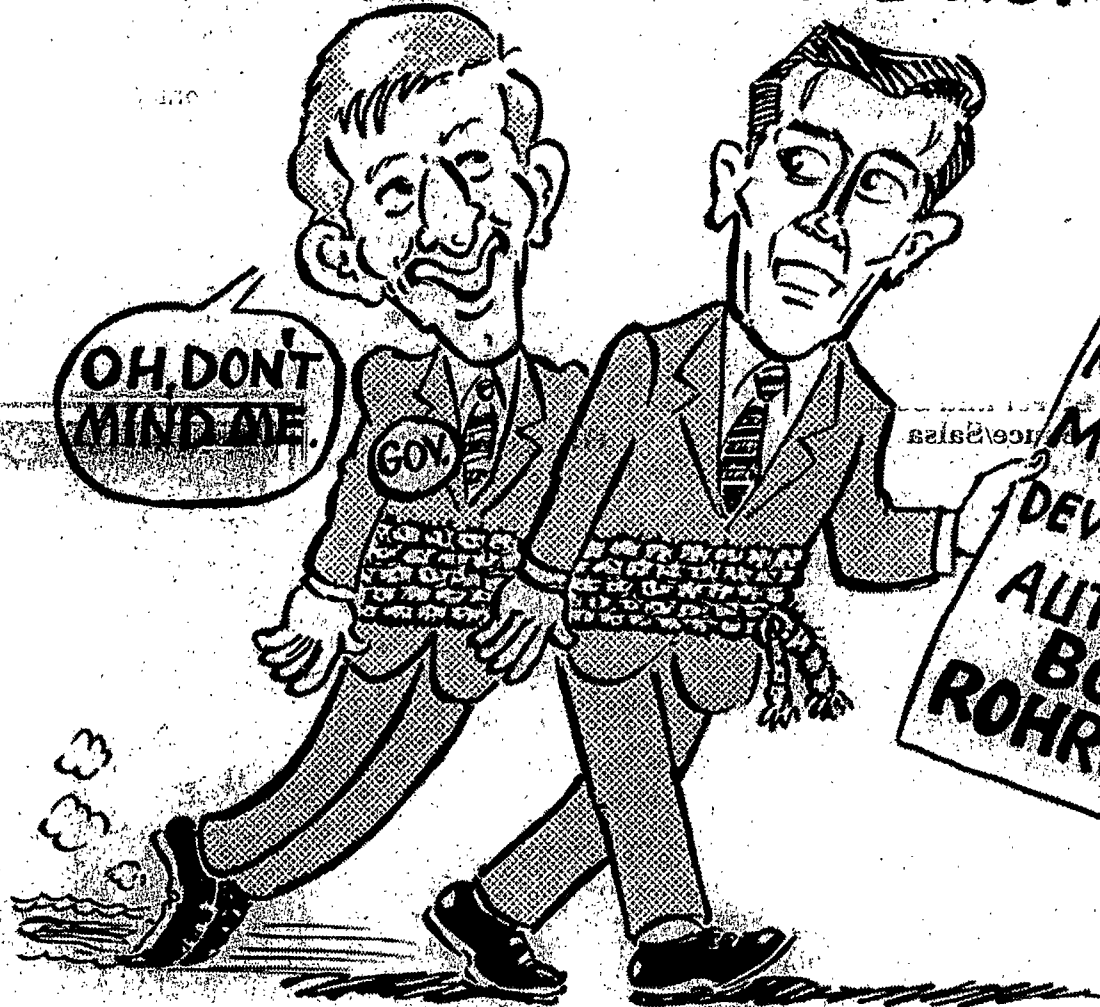
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### Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



## LEARNING THE ROPES



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## Letters to the Editor

### Let's light up Bay St. Louis for the holidays

To the Editor:  
I have lived in Bay St. Louis for over four years, and each year I am hopeful that people will decorate during the Christmas holiday. Once again, I have been disappointed.

Christmas decorations are a lot of work and can be costly, but they bring so much joy to so many. There are many elderly residents in Bay St. Louis who are not able to decorate, but truly enjoy riding around the neighborhoods marveling at all the lights. My little neighborhood has more decorations than most of Bay St. Louis.

While I'm on a roll, may I suggest that we as residents band together and light up the bridge. If people would donate just one string of lights, our bridge could be seen for miles.

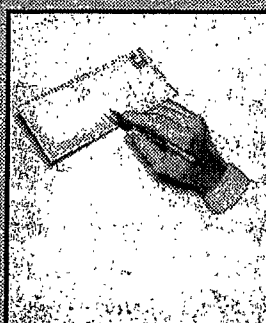
Let's show everyone that we enjoy the holidays, want them to enjoy the holidays, and give them a Santa's welcome to our community.

Thank you for allowing me to vent these frustrations in hopes of a brighter Christmas, next year.

Yours truly,  
Penny Dickinson  
Bay St. Louis

## Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



## Technicalities

By State Auditor  
Phil Bryant

### GENERAL

Q What information regarding bids received should be included in the minutes of a governing board?

A The name of the bidder submitting the lowest and best bid and the total amount awarded to that bidder should be entered on the minutes of the board.

Further, the minutes should also reflect the name of each bidder and the amount of his bid.

(Attorney General's opinion to Mayfield dated August 24, 2001)

Q Does a county have the authority to renumber houses and enforce a numbering system on the citizens of a city within the county for the purpose of implementing the E-911 system?

A No. Since Sections 21-37-3, 65-7-141 and 65-7-143 give the governing authorities of municipalities the full jurisdiction over municipal streets and therefore the authority to number or renumber the houses within the corporate limits, the county must use the map or plat of the numbered houses approved by the municipality.

(Attorney General's opinion to Clements dated August 10, 2001)

Q May the governing authorities of counties, municipalities, schools, community colleges, universities and other local governmental entities make electronic transfers of payments for payroll related items and for other claims in general?

A Yes. Pursuant to Senate Bill 2678 (Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, Regular Session, 2001) the entities listed may make electronic transfers or payments for payroll related items and claims in general, subject to systems and procedures established by the Office of the State Auditor under the authority of Section 7-7-211 to ensure the safe handling of the funds involved.

(Attorney General's opinion to Bryant dated August 10, 2001)

### COUNTIES

Q May a board of supervisors, at the sheriff's request, designate two members of the sheriff's department to be county arson investigators?

A Nothing would prohibit having more than one to be trained for arson investigation in the sheriff's department, however, the board of supervisors must designate, on the board's minutes, one employee of the sheriff's department to be the designated county arson investigator as required by Section 83-1-39.

(Attorney General's opinion to Webb dated August 17, 2001)

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## Eyes -- Ambrose triumphs

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been kept quite busy, knocking down several of the 500 Japanese aircraft that attacked our force over the two-day battle.

Four hundred enemy planes were destroyed either by our ships or planes in the Marianas battle.

Never again, as the museum film reminds, would the once-famed Japanese naval air power -- which had virtually destroyed the U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbor -- again mount a major threat.

A 200-ft. long timeline wall outlines major Pacific island invasions, among them the bloody operations to capture Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Interactive touchscreens tell you which Marine or Army units took part in each operation. My ship provided support for most of them.

A huge illuminated diorama gives the museum visitor a graphic perception of how vast was the expanse of the War in the Pacific, with its island-hopping invasions across the central and south Pacific.

Popping out at me from the illuminated screen were names

of tiny atolls like Eniwetok and Ulithi, which provided unbelievably huge anchorages for as many as 300 ships in our task force, plus the only solid footing would stand on for months at a time.

All over again I realized why my ship logged 200,000 miles between the time we went to the Pacific war theatre in 1943 until we returned in 1945.

Retired Jackson banker Paul Fugate, 77, who was a private first class (later acting sergeant) who served as a rifleman and 81 MM mortar crewman with the Third Marine Division, was enthralled over the Pacific Museum's opening.

His division retook the island of Guam and later took part in the Iwo Jima operation. "I saw the raising of the first flag and then what became the more famous second flag on Mount Suribachi, and I didn't realize the importance of what was happening," says Fugate.

A native of Ohio, Fugate lays claim to having been a "fox-hole buddy" with the late, legendary Ole Miss quarterback Charlie Conerly on Guam and having met his future wife, a

Mississippian, through another 3rd Marine Division buddy from Mississippi.

"It's fantastic what they have done and I know Dr. Ambrose deserves major credit for it," Fugate says of the new Pacific War Museum. He adds: "I want to go back again when it is completed."

Numerous historic documents and artifacts are on display. None is of more vital interest to me than a typewritten memorandum from President Harry Truman in June, 1945, only a month or so after he took office, which authorized Operation "Olympic," the proposed two-stage invasion of the Japanese homeland.

The offshore island of Kyushu, where an estimated 330,000 Japanese troops were stationed was to be initially invaded, beginning in November, 1945.

For the Kyushu operation alone, a force of 766,000 Americans was to be used according to the Truman memorandum with an estimated 35 per cent American casualty rate, based on the recent battle

to take Okinawa, the closest our forces had come to Japan up to that point.

No estimate is made in the memorandum of how large a force would be needed, or the estimated casualty rate, in the later, more risky, sea-land invasion of Japan's mainland.

My ship was to undergo shipyard repairs, then go back to take part in the massive "Olympic" campaign. Thankfully, Olympic never took place.

Unknown to Truman when he wrote the June memorandum, was that we had a doomsday Atomic bomb nearly ready. Within two months an ambivalent Truman would give his okay to use the bomb, with the hope of saving thousands of American lives.

Hiroshima was hit on August 6 then Nagasaki on August 9. A few days later Japan surrendered.

The new Pacific War museum reminds us, when THE BOMB dropped, "the world would never be the same again." Perhaps Sept. 11 is just a tragic reminder of those words.

## Stablehand Wanted (Interview)

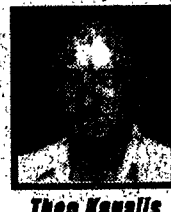
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### BREAKFAST

**Monday:** Glazed Donut,

Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

**Tuesday:** Sausage and

Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit

Juice

**Wednesday:** French Toast

Sticks, Cereal, Toast, Fruit

Juice

**Thursday:** Sausage and

Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit

Juice

**Friday:** Breakfast Pizza,

Cereal, Toast, Juice

### LUNCH

**Monday:** Macaroni and

Cheese with Ham Chunks, BBQ

Chicken on Bun, Buttered Corn,

Baked Beans, Fresh Apple,

Tropical Fruit mix, Rice Krispie

Treat, Yeast Roll

**Tuesday:** Chili and Grilled

Cheese Sandwich, Steak

Sandwich with Trimmings,

Coleslaw, Peas and Carrots,

Peach Slices, Orange Smiles,

Crackers, Chewy Fudge

Brownie

**Wednesday:** Red Beans and

Rice with Sausage, Chicken

Sandwich with Trimmings,

Seasoned Potato Cuts,

Seasoned Green Beans, Fresh

Banana, Strawberry Blend,

Mexican Cornbread

**Thursday:** Chili Cheese

Fritos, American Sub Sandwich

with Trimmings, Green Peas,

Carrot Sticks with Dip, Fruit

cocktail, Fresh Fruit Bowl,

### Butter Cookie

**Friday:** Beef Patty with

Rice and Gravy, Meatball Hot

Picket, Seasoned Lima Beans,

Garden Salad with Dressing,

Chilled Pear Slices, Applesauce,

Yeast Roll

### Hancock

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### Elementary Schools

### Served daily:

### Chef Salad, Bread,

### Dessert and Milk

### Condiments:

### Mustard/Mayo/Ketchup

### Sweet and Sour

### Sauce/Salsa

### BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or

### Taco Sauce

### BREAKFAST

**Monday:** Cereal with Toast

or Breakfast Pizza, Juice

**Tuesday:** Cereal with Toast

or Pancake Pup, Juice

**Wednesday:** Cereal with

Toast or Sausage Biscuit, Juice

**Thursday:** Cereal with Toast

or Breakfast Pizza, Juice

**Friday:** Cereal with Toast or

Ham Biscuit, Juice

### LUNCH

**Monday:** Chicken Gumbo,

Cheeseburger, French Fries,

Corn on the Cob, Carrot-Raisin

Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples,

Fruit Juice, Cornbread,

Chocolate Pudding

**Tuesday:** Corn Dog Nuggets,

Macaroni and Cheese with

Ham, Baked Tater Tots, Baked

Beans, Tossed Salad, Tropical

Fruit Mix, Fruit Juice,

### Crackers, Jell-O

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with

Meat Sauce, Chicken Patty

Sandwich, Parslied Potatoes,

Green Peas, Tossed Salad,

Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice,

Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers,

Peanut Butter Cookies

**Thursday:** BBQ Chicken,

Meat Ball Hot Pocket, Mashed

Potatoes, Seasoned Green

Beans, Confetti Coleslaw, Peach

Cups, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls,

Brownies

**Friday:** 60% Day. Pizza for

Everyone, French Fries,

Steamed Baby Carrots, Tossed

Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice,

Ice Cream Sandwich

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### Hancock

### High School

### Served daily:

### Chef Salad, Bread,

### Dessert and Milk

### Condiments:

### Mustard/Mayo/

### Ketchup

### Sweet and Sour

### Sauce/Salsa

### BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or

### Taco Sauce

### LUNCH

**Monday:** Chicken Gumbo,

Turkey Sub, Cheeseburger,

French Fries, Corn on the Cob,

Carrot-Raisin Salad, Hot

Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice,

Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding

**Tuesday:** Corn Dog Nuggets,

Macaroni and Cheese with

Ham, Baked Tater Tots, Baked

Beans, Tossed Salad, Tropical

Fruit Mix, Fruit Juice,

Crackers, Jell-O

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with

## TRUSTEE SPECIAL ELECTION

All interested candidates for the position of School Board Trustee from the added territory to the Bay St. Louis corporate limits must file with the Superintendent of Education of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District on or before Friday, January 18, 2002, in order to comply with the following regulations:

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The candidate must also present an affidavit stating that he or she is a qualified elector and a bona fide resident of the school district territory to be represented in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §37-7-211 (1972), as amended. Said Trustee election shall be held on March 2, 2002.

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Jean was the week's best loser with 3 1/4 pounds. Paula was top KOPS. Jenny was the best loser for November with 8 pounds, and Sharon was runner-up with 1 1/4 pounds.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. with the meeting following.

Due to renovations at the library, beginning Jan. 2, TOPS 307 will be meeting at Coastal Wellness and Fitness Center, 524 St. John Street in Bay St. Louis.

Anyone interested in losing weight is welcome. Call Paula at 467-0420.

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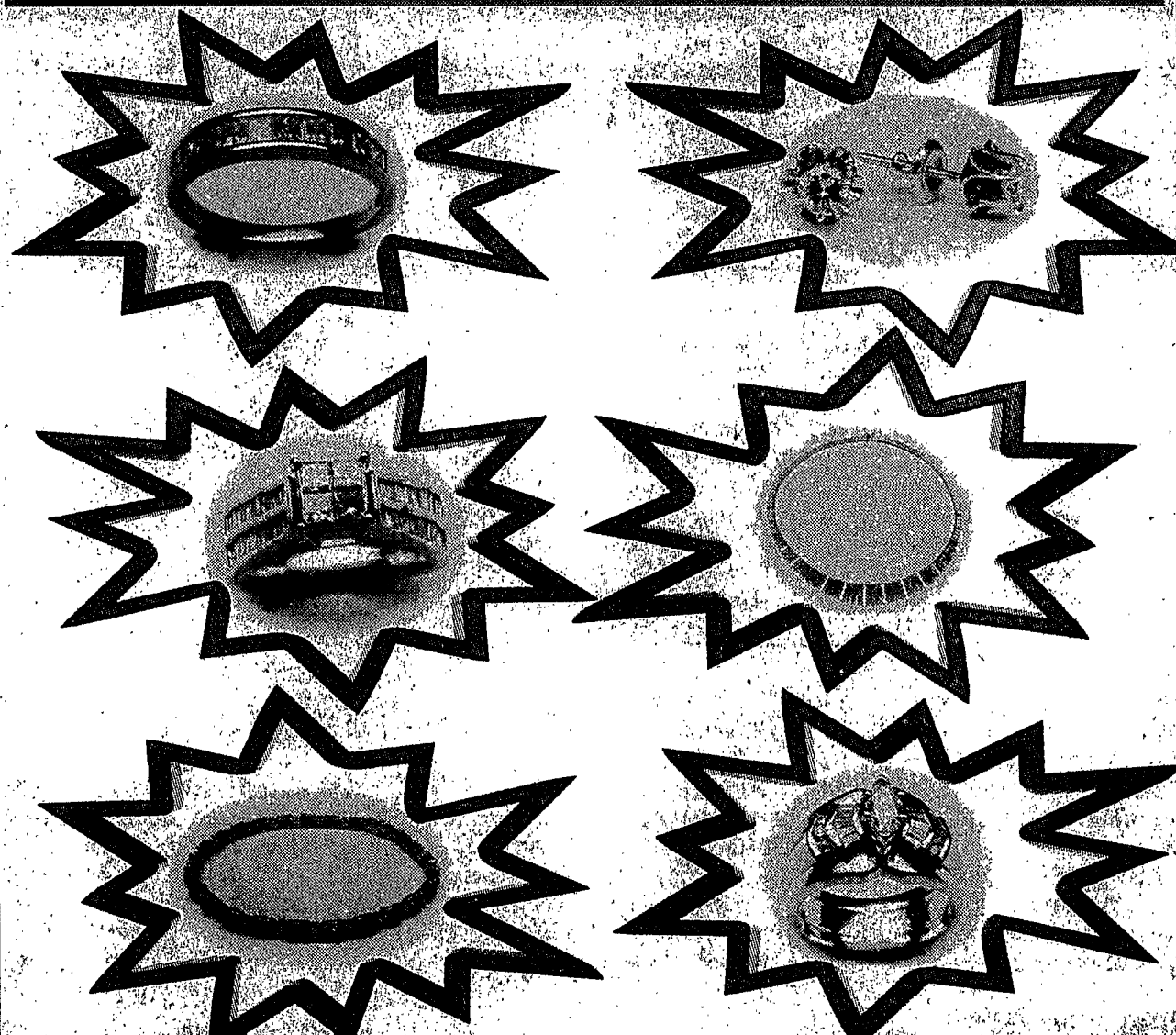
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## Obituaries

**CHARLES LONG**  
**LAWRENCE MORTON**  
**GLADYS NEAL**  
**JEANNETTE PICKELL**  
**CARRIE REDMOND**  
**MELISSA E. ROBARDS**

**CHARLES LONG**  
Charles Hampton Long, 74, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001, in Gulfport.

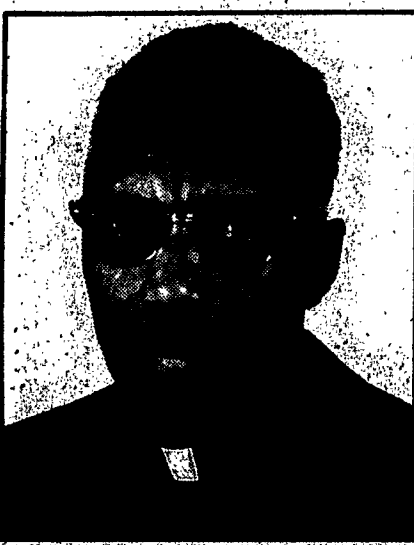
Mr. Long was a native of St. Louis, Mo. and a resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a Master Mason for more than 50 years in Bluefield, W.V. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ronald Hampton Long; and his mother, Alice Land Boyd Long.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Penisson Long of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Louise Comb of Salem, Va.; a daughter-in-law, Marilyn Webster of Chicago, Ill.; seven stepchildren, 16 grandchildren and a great-grandson, Austin Hampton Long.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in



charge of arrangements.

**LAWRENCE MORTON**  
Vincent Xavier Morton, S.V.D. (Brother Lawrence) was born on May 28, 1914, to Eleanor Morton, in Carencro, Louisiana. His mother died when he was three years old and he was raised by his maternal grandparents, Baptist Morton and Elizabeth Gardener. Brother Lawrence had a cousin, Eleanor, who was also raised by these maternal grandparents. Because of the closeness of their childhood years, he affectionately referred to Eleanor as his sister. Brother Lawrence attended public school in Sunset, Louisiana, through the fourth grade. Due to financial conditions he was unable to advance his education further. From the age of twelve, he worked at various odd jobs. Some of these jobs included working as a farm hand, a house painter, mowing yards and finally, in a sweet potato packing plant.

Brother Lawrence often attended Mass in his home parish, Sacred Heart, now known as St. Charles, in Grand Coteau, Louisiana. As a youngster, he was encouraged to make his First Communion. Never having any formal preparation as about the sacrament of

Penance, he told the priest sins he heard grownups talking about. Thus, by the ripe old age of seven, Brother Lawrence had committed many sins that most people took a lifetime to commit.

During Brother Lawrence's youth his faith was quite strong. Many young men of his area were attending the seminary in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. It was during a retreat given by a Jesuit priest that he decided to inquire into the seminary. After much encouragement from Father Cook, the retreat master, and the continuing reinforcement of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart Academy, Grand Coteau, Brother Lawrence left home and headed for St. Augustine's Seminary, in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. This was about one and one-half years after his retreat with Father Cook.

He arrived at St. Augustine's on October 26, 1936. While being given a tour of his new "home," he saw a group of Brothers chopping wood. Brother Lawrence was asked if he would like to help. Being no stranger to hard work, he replied, "Yes." He laughingly recalled this incident as being welcomed with one hand and being given an ax with the other.

When Brother Lawrence entered the seminary at age 22, his only desire was to serve the community in any way he could. At that time, "whatever you were able to do, — you were given to do." With the great assistance of Father Charles Reinelt, Novice Master, and Father John Kemper, Prefect of Major Seminars, Brother Lawrence steadily grew in his love for the Society of the Divine Word. His varied ministries also grew during the years to follow.

As he so aptly put it, his first major assignment was to become the "main man for the park." This involved mowing the Society's property from Second Street to Dunbar. His only assistance with this task came from the young seminarians during their work period. After about a year, and because this was daytime work, he was also given the job of lighting the boilers each morning at 3 A.M. When the sacristan left the community, Brother Lawrence agreed to take on this responsibility, also.

Caring for the boilers involved securing wood and coal to run them. Brother Lawrence chopped many trees to help with this need. One day, after several times of asking the rector to have someone drive the truck to pick up the firewood, the rector asked Brother Lawrence if he would like to learn to drive. He did not take to this new endeavor at first try, but soon developed a love for driving. This opened up a whole new world of ministry for him; namely, chauffeur for visiting priests and guests of the seminary, shopping, postmaster for the seminary, and taking

priests to and from the train station for supply work.

In 1948, Brother Lawrence presented the idea of a religious goods store to the rector. The rector showed his approval by granting an allowance of \$300 to secure the necessary inventory. Brother Lawrence continued this ministry from its inception until the store was closed in 1999.

Brother Lawrence's ministry over the years was quite laborious, but he spoke of it with fond affection and satisfaction. He said that he would have liked to serve in the missions, but because of his limited formal schooling he felt he did not have the talents or skills for this calling. However, because of his sense of fulfillment in his work at St. Augustine's Seminary, serving in the foreign mission was not a burning desire.

However, what Brother Lawrence failed to realize was that the mission he chose at St. Augustine's helped to bring the community of the Society of the Divine Word and the community of Bay St. Louis together. Brother Lawrence's ministry kept him in touch with countless numbers of people and he left a positive, indelible mark on everyone he met. When people return to visit the seminary or the town of Bay St. Louis, Brother Lawrence is always spoken of with a fondness often reserved for one's own family.

Brother Lawrence had the unique distinction of having been at St. Augustine's Seminary since his arrival on October 26, 1936. He entered the Novitiate on November 1, 1937 and took his First Vows on November 1, 1939. His Perpetual Vows were taken at St. Augustine's on November 1, 1945. Brother Lawrence celebrated his 25th anniversary as an S.V.D. at St. Augustine's on November 1, 1964. His Golden Jubilee was also celebrated in Bay St. Louis on November 1, 1989.

During the last few years, Brother Lawrence lived at Dunbar Village (an assisted living home) Bay St. Louis, and Dixie Nursing Home, Pass Christian, due to increasing debilitation from Alzheimer's Disease. Vincent Xavier Morton, S.V.D. (Brother Lawrence), eighty-seven years of age, was called by God to come to his eternal home on Wednesday, December 12, 2001 at 4:33 P.M. immediately after Fr. Provincial concluded his prayer and gave him the final blessing. Brother Chambers and Fr. Provincial then prayed prayers for the dead. His life was reflected in his death. He died peacefully just as he lived. Brother is survived by his niece, Mrs. Joyce Bryant of Sunset, LA.

Visitation: St. Augustine Seminary Chapel/Sunday, Dec. 16th 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Wake Service: Sunday/Dec. 16th at 6:00 p.m. St. Augustine's Seminary Chapel, Bay St. Louis, MS.

Funeral: Monday, Dec. 17th at 10:30 a.m. St. Augustine's

Seminary Chapel, Bay St. Louis, MS.

**GLADYS NEAL**  
Gladys Neal of Diamondhead died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, in Diamondhead.

Services are pending at J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

**JEANNETTE PICKELL**  
Jeannette Pickell, 69, of Waveland, died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Pickell was born in Greenville, Miss., and was a resident of the Gulf Coast for 45 years. She worked for more than 11 years in communications at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim Pickell and Elizabeth Hern. Survivors include a daughter, Teresa Barber Savarese of Ridgeland, Miss.; three sons, Ronald A. Paulk of Waveland, and Clifford M. Paulk and David R. Paulk, both of Bay St. Louis; five sisters, Helen Giardiana, Elizabeth Lasavia, Vivian Dietz, all of Metairie, and Lorraine Nemeth and Goldie Munier, both of Mandeville; two brothers, Marvin Pickell of Kenner and John Hayes of Mandeville; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to one's favorite charity.

**CARRIE REDMOND**  
Carrie Redmond died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001, in Pass Christian. Services are pending at Hartwell's Christian Mortuary in Gulfport.

**MELISSA E. ROBARDS**  
Melissa Emmon Robards, 48, of the White Cypress Community, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2001.

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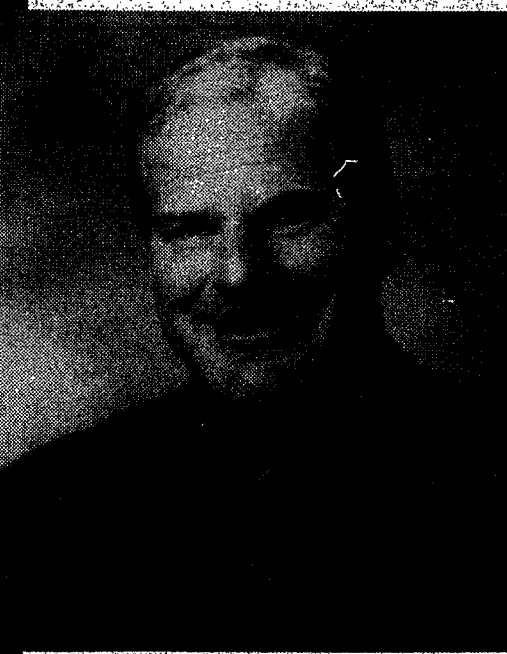
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Members of First Baptist Church, 141 Main Street, Bay St. Louis invite the community to a live nativity performance in front of the church on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m.

A Christmas cantata, "An

Old-fashioned Christmas," will also be presented today, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

Christmas worship services are offered Sunday, Dec. 23 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

During the Christmas season

there will be regular worship services Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 and on Sunday evenings at 6.

Bible Study is offered on Sunday mornings at 9:20.

## Blood drive at D'head United Methodist Church

The Diamondhead United Methodist Church and the American Red Cross are teaming up to give blood donors in the Diamondhead area an opportunity to become the silent heroes of our country.

A holiday hero community blood drive will be conducted Thursday, Dec. 20, 2-7 p.m. at the church, 5305 Noma Drive.

To give blood, you must be 17 years old or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, have not given

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## PERS to provide \$128.6 M in cost-of-living adjustments

The Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) will provide cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) payments totaling \$128.6 million to 44,392 retirees and beneficiaries this month. The average COLA payment will be about \$2,900.

Ninety-five percent of the payments will be to Mississippi residents, providing an economic boost to the state and its localities during the Christmas season.

Retirement System law provides for lump sum COLA payments, each Dec. 15. Because that date is a Saturday this year, checks were mailed Friday, Dec. 14, and payments will be transmitted to banking institutions Monday, Dec. 17, for retirees who receive their benefits by direct deposit.

Two-thirds of PERS retirees receive their benefits by direct deposit.

Lump sum COLA benefits

include:

42,947 payments totaling \$123.4 million for PERS members.

544 payments totaling \$3.95 million for members of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System (MHSPRS).

76 payments totaling \$39,715 for members of the Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan (SLRP).

825 payments totaling \$1.25 million for members of Municipal Retirement Systems (MRS) in nine cities.

PERS, MHSPRS, SLRP and MRS are all administered by the PERS Board of Trustees, although payment of MRS benefits is the responsibility of the cities.

For PERS and SLRP retirees, the COLA is equal to 3% of annual benefits for each full fiscal year (July through June) of retirement. The 3% is compounded for each fiscal year of

retirement after the retiree reaches age 55.

For MHSPRS retirees, the COLA is equal to 4% of annual benefits for each full fiscal year of retirement. The 4% is not compounded. The COLA includes a 2.5% base amount and a 1.5% discretionary amount approved by the PERS Board.

The MRS COLA payments vary by cities, as determined by legislation that authorized the payments.

PERS and SLRP retirees who elected to receive their COLA payments in monthly increments throughout the fiscal year will not receive a lump sum payment this month.

Highway Patrol retirees who elected monthly payments will receive the 1.5% discretionary amount this month.

## MS Power Customers to see 2.23% increase

On August 3, 2001, Mississippi Power Company, Inc. (MPCo) filed a request to increase their rates approximately 9.5% for the average retail customer to be effective with the first billing cycle of January 2002. This would have meant an additional \$7.50 per month for residential customers.

Numerous parties filed to intervene and participate in the public hearings which were held on Nov. 7, 8 and 9 of this year. Several witnesses, including the Public Utilities Staff, provided the Commission with valuable input as we considered what would be in the best interest of the company and their retail customers.

During the last few years many states, including Mississippi, experienced rolling brown-outs due to a lack of electricity generation which forced companies to purchase, when available, expensive power from the deregulated wholesale open market.

On January 7, 1998, this Commission approved the construction of MPCo's retail plant Daniels, units 3 and 4, and subsequently approved the construction of a new generation

wholesale plant for Warren Power, Inc., a subsidiary of Entergy in the Vicksburg area.

During the past 10 years MPCo's total retail customer usage of electricity has increased 37%, and their residential retail customer usage has increased approximately 20% with peak demand, the greatest hourly demand for electricity increasing by 50%.

Since plant Daniels units 3 and 4 went online this summer, significant off-system electricity purchases were avoided, which resulted in a 17 million dollar savings to MPCo's customers.

Another 8 million dollars in customer savings was realized when the Public Service Commission worked with MPCo to develop a fuel hedging program which allowed them to lock in natural gas purchases at future prices.

MPCo invested \$400 million for the construction of units 3 and 4 at Plant Daniels which increased their generation capacity by 48%. In addition, since 1996 MPCo has spent approximately \$250 million on their transmission and distribution systems to enhance their reliability of service for their customers.



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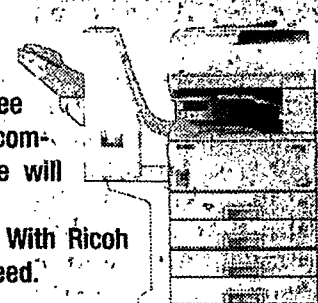
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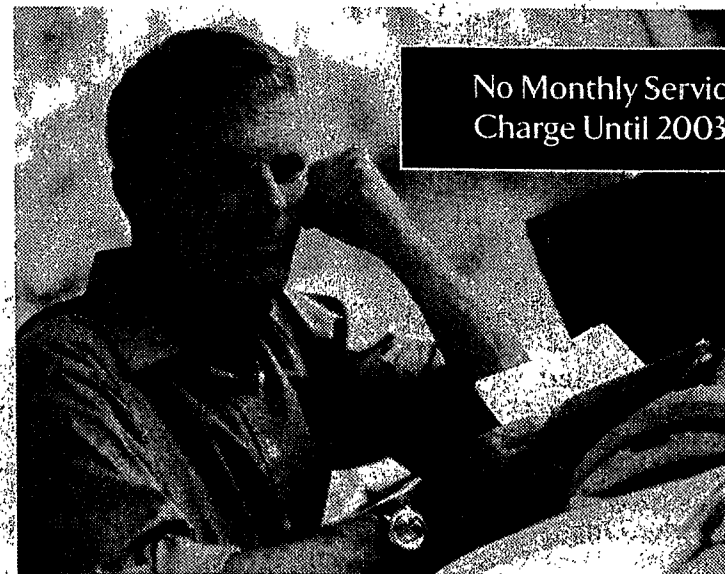
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## SPORTS

## SSC honors fall sports athletes

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

St. Stanislaus College honored their fall athletes in Cross Country, Football, and Swimming on Sunday, December 9, at the Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center with a ceremony of awards.

Head coach Steve Flannery presented the cross country team awards and individual honors. Flannery commented on the fact that SSC placed fourth overall in the state meet earlier in November. It was the highest finish for SSC in cross country in six years. SSC won the state championship in 1991.

Certificates of Participation were presented to Alex Boudreaux, J.D. Blackburn, John Hadden, James Headley, Andrew Hillenbrand, Brad Reinhart, Jason Zedak, Aaron Baxter, Will Boxx, Craig Maxson, Trey Treutel, and John White. Varsity letters were earned by Kody Cannon, Tony Echevarria, Troy Johnston, Michael Leonard, Allen Leone, Kyle Lewis, Josh Lingsch, and Danny Surbeck.

In addition, the following were honored with academic excellence certificates by achieving a 3.0 GPA or higher during the sport. They were Boudreaux, Hadden, Headley, Reinhart, Zedak, Baxter, Boxx, Maxson, Treutel, Cannon, Echevarria, Johnston, Leone, Lewis, Lingsch, and Surbeck.

The Most Improved Runner for Junior High was Andrew Hillenbrand. The Coaches Award was merited by Brad Reinhart. The Most Valuable Runner for the junior Rocks was James Headley.

The Coaches Award for the varsity was merited by Kody Cannon. Troy Johnston

brought home the Most Improved Runner award while the Most Valuable Runner and Mr. Rock-a-chaw awards were won by Kyle Lewis.

Junior High football certificates of Participation were merited by Danilo Balaguer, Keith Bartholomew, Sean Bentz, Chad Boos, Joe Boudin, Ryan Boutet, J.C. Brignone, Andrew Chevis, Dayne Coscia, Lance Cuevas, Michael Deifik, Zach Elkins, Rick Garcia, Brennan Gordon, Joel Gregory, Kythe Hall, Ryan Hoda, Ross Hotard, Kyle Hughes, Josh Jones, Paris Kass, Stephen Keel, Matthew Kivlan, Roger Lacoste, Brent Ladner, Ross Landgrave, Eric Lichenstein, Bradley Lingsch, Brennan Marlowe, Caleb McQueen, Max Mettlich, Matthew Milner, Michael Morell, Bryce Morreale, Justin Nichols, Henri Pellerin, Carlyn Perez, Sam Perry, John Pitre, Ryan Ray, Kelvin Schulz, Clark Seal, Andrew Taylor, Sylvester Twigg, David Wells, and Grant West.

Those earning academic excellence were Bartholomew, Bentz, Boutet, Chevis, Coscia, Cuevas, Elkins, Hall, Hoda, Hotard, Hughes, Keel, Lacoste, Landgrave, Lingsch, McQueen, Milner, Morell, Morreale, Pellerin, Pitre, Schulz, Seal, Taylor, Twigg, and West.

J.C. Brignone was named the Best Offensive Lineman while Caleb McQueen earned Best Defensive Lineman honors. Stephen Keel took home Best Offensive Back and Zach Elkins was named Best Defensive Back.

Josh Jones earned the Most Improved Award while Ross Hotard brought back the Coaches Award. Lance Cuevas was picked Most Valuable

Player on Offense and Andrew Chevis earned Most Valuable Player on Defense.

The varsity team handed out certificates of participation to Bret Bentz, Paul Burnett, John Chapman, Jordan Ellis, Nathan Franco, Tyler Gallagher, Darren Keel, Philman Ladner, Will Loftus, Eric Loprete, Jeison Picado, Brennen Thomas, Kris Turner, Corey Warburton, and Louis West. Varsity lettermen awards were presented to Bob Bass, Jeremy Burke, Matt Burke, Matthew Chester, Michael Cure, Floyd Dedeaux, Adam Delgado, Ross Ford, Austin Gbesemete, Matt Heyer, Vince Hoda, Herman Johnson, Jeremy Keller, Michael Kivlan, Lee Klein, Tim Kulikowski, Hunter Landgrave, B.J. Ledet, Jeremy Lewis, Fisher Maddox, Frederick Mallini, Ben McMath, Zach Mellen, Cory Moody, John Murphy, Peter Murphy, Mike O'Neal, Stefan Sofianos, Kit Stovall, Kevin Tinsley, Logan Walker, Nick Weinmann, Aaron White, Gabe Willis, Ashton Wright, and Spencer Zeigler.

The players who earned academic excellence were Burnett, Ellis, Franco, Gallagher, Thomas, Warburton, West, Bass, Matt Burke, Cure, Dedeaux, Ford, Gbesemete, Heyer, Hoda, Johnson, Kivlan, Klein, Maddox, Mallini, McMath, Peter Murphy, Sofianos, Tinsley, Walker, Weinmann, White, Willis, and Zeigler. The Scott Sennar Special Teams Award was merited by punter Jeremy Keller. The Forster Commagere Memorial Coaches Award was won by Austin Gbesemete.

The Harry Glover Memorial Award stands for the most improved award which was won

by B.J. Ledet.

The John "Baby Grand" Scaffidi Memorial Award symbolizes the best lineman and it was won by Bob Bass.

The Marchmont "Marchie" Schwartz Memorial award is given to the Best Defensive Player. It was won by Ashton Wright and Lee Klein. The Mr. Rock-a-chaw award was won by Jeremy Lewis.

The Felix A. "Doc" Blanchard award is given to the Most Valuable Player. That award was presented to Gabe Willis who also earned the Most Valuable Receiver award from Division 8 Class 4A.

Certificates of Participation in swimming were given to Tyler Amacker, Kevin Bechel, Reilly Bourgeois, Michael Enloe, David Florek, Trevor Gex, Joe Gibbons, Barrett Hall, Sean Bradford, Grey Hammett, Matt Hudgens, Evan Magers, Ryan Morales, Justin Noah, Matthew Pierce, Matt Planchard, and Mauricio Sanchez.

The varsity letter winners were Andrew Battle, Ty Breaux, Preston Ellis, T.J. Koger, Cole Larsen, Ben Rader, Josh Schultz, Ramsey Shawa, Stephen Stanley, Lucas Vinning, and Christian Walter.

Those receiving academic excellence honors were Bourgeois, Enloe, Bradford, Hammett, Pierce, Planchard, Sanchez, Breaux, Ellis, Koger, Larsen, Rader, Shawa, and Walter. The Most Improved Swimmer was Ben Rader. The Spirit Awards were merited by Reilly Bourgeois and Andrew Battle.

The Coaches Awards went to Ben Rader and T.J. Koger. The Most Valuable Swimmer award was earned by Cole Larsen.

## Kenson resigns as SSC head football coach

Dave Kenson, a faculty member at St. Stanislaus for the past five years, has resigned as head football coach of the SSC Rock-A-Chaw team for the 2002-2003 school year, according to school officials.

Kenson has served in this position for the past five years and has also held responsibilities with the track, golf, and JV basketball teams.

"A search will begin immediately for the next person to lead the Rock-A-Chaw football program," according to Athletic Director Jay Ladner. "We anticipate an announcement early in the spring semester."

St. Stanislaus Principal Bro. Ronald Hingle, S.C., said, "We are very grateful to Dave for the five years he has dedicated to our football program. He took

over a young, inexperienced team several years ago and helped them to believe in themselves and in their ability to adapt, adjust, improvise and win."

"Because of his inspirational leadership, Dave led the Rocks to the state playoffs for only the second time in the school's history, and for the first time in 30 years, the football Rocks had

three consecutive winning seasons."

Coach Kenson was hired at St. Stanislaus in the spring of 1997, previously having taught and coached in Ohio, Florida, and the University of Cincinnati for 23 years.

## OLA ties &amp; wins in Jr. Varsity Soccer

**OLA Junior Varsity**  
Our Lady Academy junior varsity soccer team battled Long Beach to a 1-1 tie Wednesday. Ellie Dauterive scored the Crescent's goal off an assist from Nikki Harshbarger.

The team has posted a record of 5-0-1 and will host Mercy

Cross Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

**OLA Junior High**

Our Lady Academy junior high soccer team blanked Mercy Cross 4-0 Wednesday.

Meghan Flynt, Amanda Meyers, Lauren Renz and Margaret Hadden scored goals

for the Crescents. Kree Cameron, Hadden and Flynt had assists. Annette Allard and Kaitlyn Bosley shared the shutout in goal.

The team is 2-0-1 on the season and will travel to George County for a 5 p.m. contest Monday.

## Big weekend ahead for hunters

Hunters around the big weekend ahead of them, Magnolia State have another according to the Department of

Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Beginning Dec. 15, the final segment of the waterfowl season gets under way and will extend through Jan. 30.

With the moderate weather the state has been experiencing the past several weeks, there have been few sightings of mallards and other ducks around the Delta and other parts of the state.

Hunters are hoping that colder weather in the upcoming weeks will push more ducks southward before the season's end.

The daily limit of ducks is six with no more than four mallards (no more than two females), one black duck, two wood ducks, one pintail, one canvasback, two redheads, three scaup, and three mottled ducks.

The possession limit is twice the legal daily limit.

## DWGAN November results

By Clare Chauffe  
Winners of the Diamondhead Nines golf events for the months of November are:

**Nov. 6, Trophy Day**  
First Flight: low gross, Jeanette Sullivan; low net, E. J. Smith; low putts, Sally Lindsley

Second Flight: low gross, Kay Horn; low net, Lorna Decker; low putts, Elaine Smith

Third Flight: low gross, Jerry Ingraham; low net, Mary Postier; low putts, Shirley Smith; chip-ins, Sylvia Herbert and Peggy Satterlee

**Nov. 13, Turkey Day**  
First Flight: first, Sally

Lindsley; second, Sue Campbell; third, Jeanette Sullivan; fourth Maureen Holt  
Second Flight: first, Evelyn Young; second, Pat Morgan; third, Bettisue Hendrix; fourth, Elaine Smith

Third Flight: first, Stevens; second, Ruth Moran; third, Mary Postier; fourth, Virginia Smith; birdie, Sally Lindsley.

**Pal Day, Nov. 20** rained out and was replayed Nov. 27.

First, Carol Perry and Sue Munn; second, Emmy Swink and Virginia Schmitt; third, Charlene Smuck and Pat Heyd; fourth, Evelyn Young and Bobbie Sorgenfrei; chip-in birdie, Wanda Newman

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## Holiday Deadlines

Classified and Retail Advertising deadlines for the December 26, 2001 edition of the Sea Coast Echo Extra and the December 27, 2001 edition of the Sea Coast Echo is 5 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2001.

Deadlines for the January 2, 2002 edition of the Sea Coast Echo Extra and the January 3, 2002 edition of the Sea Coast Echo is 5 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2001.

The Sea Coast Echo offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25, 2001 and Monday and Tuesday, December 31, 2001 and January 1, 2002.

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## SPORTS



Bay High Senior Sky Thomas was awarded a full two-year academic scholarship for soccer at Pearl River Community College by PRCC Coach Adam Breerwood on Thursday. Pictured are Breerwood, Bay coaches Lee and Lis Bosarge, Superintendent Kim Stasny, Assistant Principal Dan Partridge, parents Loretta and Mark Thomas and Sky Thomas. (Echo staff photo by Bennie Shalbetter)

## Hancock football, cheer awards

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks honored their football players and cheerleaders with a steak banquet on Wednesday, December 12 in the Student Commons/Cafeteria in Kiln.

The first-year middle school cheerleaders were presented with a five-inch navy "H". The winners were Starrlyn Favre, Heidi Lombardino, Jessica Moran, Ali Orr, Ashley Thompson, Michelle Thorpe, Samantha Watkins, Colton Ball, Jennifer Decrevel, Latoshia Glaserapp, Hillary Pagano, Synthia Peck, and Cara Barnett. The second-year middle school cheerleaders were given a nylon pullover with monogram. The recipients of the second-year award were Brooke Ladner, Christine Lottes, Brianna Necaise, and Mandy Saucier.

The middle school captain was Brianna Necaise and the co-captain of the squad was Mandy Saucier. The Most Improved Middle School cheerleader was Hillary Pagano. The Coaches Award was presented to Michelle Thorpe. The Cheerleader of the Year was Starrlyn Favre.

The varsity cheerleaders were honored with first, second, third, and fourth-year awards. The first-year award winners received a six-inch block "H". Those recipients were Monica Allison, Jenna Dubuisson, Brittany Ladner, Leana Marshall, Kimberly Stewart, Freddy McDonald, Jerrin Ladner, Frank McKinley, and Ashley Necaise. The second-year winners received a wool jacket with letter and bar. The winners were Rachel Courtney, Rachel Lee, Lori Moran, Maegan Moran, Erica Skinner, Misty Hariel, Keshia Saucier, Rene Thill, Lauren Necaise, and Sarah Syrdenski.

The third-year winners were presented with a plaque and letter bar. The third-year cheerleaders were Veronica Fucich, Courtney Gaudin, Brandy Lombardino, Amber Payne, Kreshelle Nicholson, Doni Kay Shetter, and Dwayne Saucier. The fourth-year winners were given a nylon pullover and fourth-year bar. The recipients were Corbett Sheffield, Erin Mills, Mandy Rothering, and Amanda Lovelace.

The Outstanding Leadership award was given to Kreshelle Nicholson. The Dedication and Devotion award was merited by Misty Hariel. The Most Improved Cheerleader award was given to Maegan Moran. Veronica Fucich won the Coaches Award. The Cheerleader of the Year award

was won by Corbett Sheffield.

The first-year middle school football player awards were a five-inch navy "H". The winners were Justin Strief, Chris Matthews, Mark Hudson, Dustin Hoffpaur, Trevor Lee, Josh Stockstill, Philip Daniels, Terry Mosley, Jonathon Etheridge, Robert Jackson, Rocky Flowers, Andrew Smith, Ronnie Thomas, Chance Whitfield, Thomas Harrison, Frederic Bolden, Russell Tanguis, Zachary Sams, Justin Waits, Brandon Vegas, Glen Bonano, Donovan Saucier, Zachary Dawsey, William Carter, Arden Toms, Noel Harper, Josh Yates, Cole Wilson, Shawn Botts, Calvin Krol, and Jacob Ruzicka.

The second-year middle school award winners were given nylon pullovers. The winners were Braxton Necaise, Larry Beach, Brad Favre, Tim Sheaffer, Anthony Guidry, E.J. Owens, Troy Dufrene, Patrick Gardner, Dustin Caple, Thomas Smith, David Gainey, and Chase Drouilhet.

The All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference first-team selections for the middle school were Braxton Necaise, David Gainey, Anthony Guidry, and Troy Dufrene. The honorable-mention selections were E.J. Owens, Thomas Harrison, Dustin Hoffpaur, and Robert Jackson.

The Outstanding Offensive Lineman award for the middle school was won by Russell Tanguis. The Outstanding Defensive Lineman award was presented to David Gainey. The Outstanding Offensive Back award was won by Braxton Necaise. The Outstanding Defensive Back award was presented to Anthony Guidry.

The first-year award winners on the varsity team received a six-inch white "H". The winners were Justin Kopf, Ken Cook, Steve Dauenhauer, Scott Nesom, Josh Ryken, Travis Hall, Mike Long, Andrew Warhays, Jonathon Lacoste, B.J. Stutts, Anthony Lind, Aaron Lewis, Marshall Hutchison, Dale Stennett, Timmy Carter, Jesse Adams, Patrick Mondy, Matthew Rayborn, Joseph Waterman, Michael Payton, Joshua Biehl, Kenny Smith, Peter Trosclair, and Wesley Craft.

The second-year letter winners received a wool jacket with a second-year bar. The recipients were Charles Bolden, Robert Domke, Eddie Bledsoe, Myron Fairley, Daniel Spiers, Beau Bobbitt, Tyler Ball, Gerald Adams, Donald Hains,

Wesley Oliver, Nick Saucier, Matt Crittenden, Charlie Carrollo, David Brown, James Ball, Ryan Rogers, Trevin Burge, Nick Hume, Patrick Voshein, Chris Jones, Aimee Chavez, Ashley Garfield, Jed Duke, Cody Spiers, James Downen, and Terra Moulder.

Third-year players were given a plaque and their third-year bar. The winners were Brandon Necaise, Ricky Underwood, Ervin Jackson, Darren Elliot, Allen Pace, Derek Spiers, Steven Guidos, Lacey Grimes, and Cornelius Thomas.

Fourth-year players were presented a monogrammed nylon hooded jacket. The winners were Chase Sackett, Robbie Hoda, Donny Moran, and Becky Marziale.

The varsity football Hawk Club awards were given to Donny Moran, Matt Crittenden, Steven Guidos, Allen Pace, David Brown, Charles Bolden, Brandon Necaise, Chase Sackett, Ricky Underwood, Darren Elliot, and Ervin Jackson.

The 2001 All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference junior varsity selections were first-team members Wesley Oliver, Derek Spiers, Mike Long, and Ken Cook. The honorable-mention selections were Myron Fairley, Timmy Carter, Chris Jones, and Scott Nesom.

The All-Region 3 Class 5A first-team selections were Chase Sackett, Donny Moran, Brandon Necaise, David Brown, Ervin Jackson, and Ricky Underwood. The honorable-mention selections were Darren Elliot, Charles Bolden, Steven Guidos, Matt Crittenden, Robert Domke, and Jed Duke.

The Outstanding Offensive Lineman award for the varsity team was presented to Donny Moran. The Outstanding Offensive Back award was given to David Brown. The Outstanding Defensive Lineman award was merited by Darren Elliot. The Outstanding Defensive Back award was brought home by Charles Bolden. The Hawk Award symbolizes the overall Most Valuable Player. It was won by Chase Sackett.

Each coach on the staff was allowed to present a Coaches Award. The award winners were Jed Duke, Robert Domke, Matt Crittenden, Steven Guidos, Brandon Necaise, and Ricky Underwood.

The Sports Medicine Leadership award was presented to Ervin Jackson.

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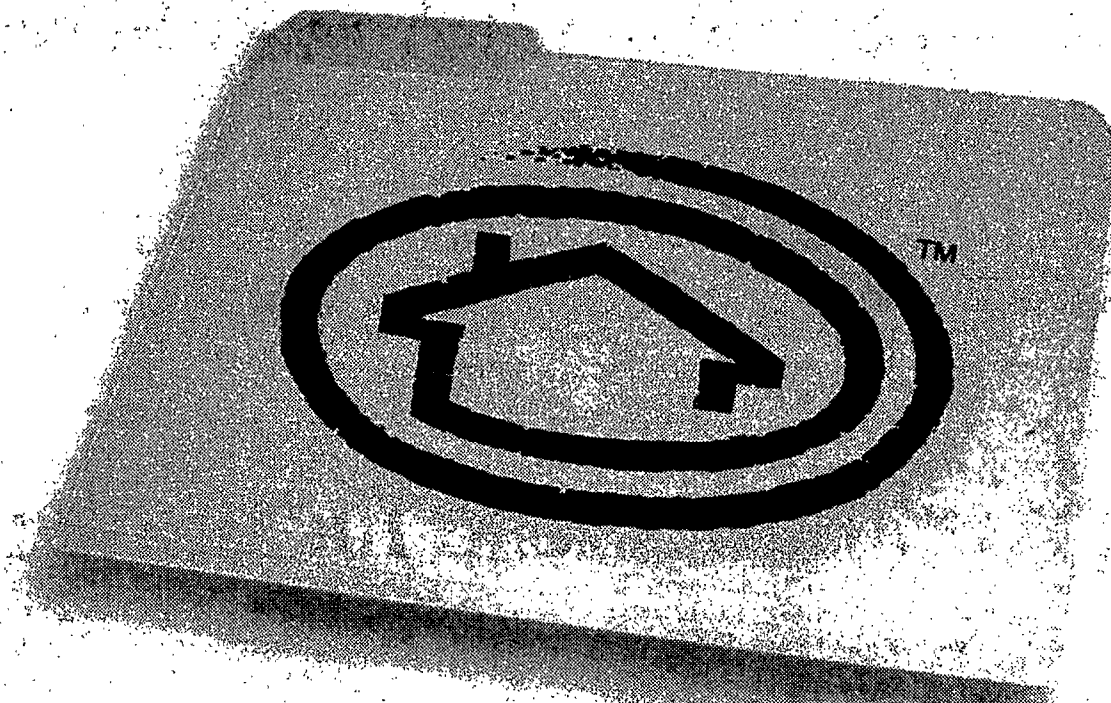
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## Five Generations



The family of Audrey Ramond Hoezel all got together for the first time in Corpus Christi, Tx. to meet baby Clayton Willis. Pictured are, standing, from left: Amy Leigh Krams, grandmother; Jeanne Willis, mother; Donna Clare Nelson, great-grandmother; and sitting, great-great grandmother Audrey Ramond Hoezel, holding baby Clayton Michael Willis. Not pictured is great-great uncle Edward J. Hoezel II, a resident of Bay St. Louis.

## Rate -- water/sewer hike

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in Mississippi, once operated by Johnson Utilities, Inc. which filed bankruptcy after paying millions in fines for faulty systems in several states.

Last April, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality cited several deficiencies or violations at systems TESI operates in Hancock and west Harrison County, and gave the firm a year to come into compliance.

TESI is under orders not to add any more customers to the sewerage treatment system in the upscale subdivision of Jourdan River Shores off Hwy. 603, but Steve Jones, TESI's district manager, told the Echo this week, improvements the system mandated by DEQ are almost complete, and he was hopeful the moratorium would be lifted sometime soon. "The plant's running really good," said Jones. "I think our customer complaints have dropped by about 80 percent."

Jones directed questions about the proposed rate increase to Melony Netterville,

TESI's customer service manager, stationed in Baton Rouge.

Netterville said the amount of the proposed rate hikes would be determined "on a system-by-system basis," and company officials were in the process of assembling data to support their requests for any increase in rates.

Netterville said TESI also was in the process of notifying customers in the areas affected they planned to ask the Public Service Commission for permission to raise rates.

Michael McCool, head of the water and sewer division of the Mississippi Public Utilities staff, said his agency, stationed in Jackson, is not a part of the PSC, but is charged with making recommendations regarding rate hike petitions.

McCool also confirmed the amount of rate hikes requested for any of TESI's system would be determined "on a system-by-system basis."

"It's a long process," explained McCool. "Just last week, we requested more data

from TESI, and they have 20 days to furnish the information. After that, there's a period of 80 days allowed for testimony from anyone objecting."

McCool said it could take up to 130 days or six months before the PSC makes any kind of decision on the rate hikes.

The legal aid advises, "Any person desiring to participate in or receive further notice of these proceedings is required to file written petition to intervene on or before 20 days from the date of this notice."

The notice was advertised Dec. 13. Anyone wishing to intervene should write to the Mississippi PSC at P.O. Box 1174, Jackson, MS 39215-1174.

Besides Jourdan River Shores, TESI serves customers in Clermont Harbor, the Oak Harbor subdivision outside of Pearlington, the White Cypress community in northern Hancock County, and portions of Discovery Bay and Pass Christian Isles in western Harrison County.

## Landfill

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or if the landfill is being used by commercial haulers, who claim they are dumping as individual Hancock County residents.

It has been standard policy of the authority to allow Hancock residents to dump free at the landfill, operated by Mississippi Pumping Inc., but the authority is charged a fee monthly, each time the total debris dumped exceeds a certain level.

Last July, the authority sent out warning letters to more than 200 persons suspected of running commercial hauling businesses and dumping free at the landfill. Records showed those cited dumped at least

eight cubic yards (equal to a six-by-eight foot trailer piled three-feet high) at various times during a one-month period.

For the month of November, the hauls in excess cost the Authority \$1,840, but there have been months where the Authority has paid this amount and far more.

The Authority also is requiring a driver's license or a utility bill to show the person is a resident of Hancock County if the vehicle does not have a county license tag.

At Tuesday's meeting of the authority, commissioners voted to allow Hancock County residents to dump up to 10 cubic

yards of material once a month. After that, residents who need to dump more will be charged a rate of \$4 a cubic yard.

Commissioners also voted to extend its recycling contract with Mississippi ResorSys, Inc., on a month-to-month basis for up to four months.

The Authority is trying to make a decision on whether once-weekly recycling should be continued in Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

Commission Chairman and Bay Mayor Eddie Favre is costing about \$200,000 year to recycle materials that could be dumped in a landfill at a cost of about \$15,000 a year.

## Bay -- Top Ten

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"All these wonderful artists were already here, I just wanted to let people know they were here."

For a few years, the city and merchants held Beach Front Festivals, one of which brought artist Alice Mosely to town to stay. Local musician and composer Clem Toka performed. For three years, Dixon said, a series of studio tours were held.

In 1989, 12 studios participated; in 1990, 40 studios participated; and in 1991, 60 studios participated," said Dixon.

In 1994, painter Keith Carlson and photographer Tony Eccles, who owned the Mississippi Gallery, helped to start Second Saturday Art Walks.

"Second Saturday originally started as a way for families to take an evening stroll through the galleries, to bring the art to the community," Dixon said. "There were so many people

involved in promoting art here and we just all pulled together to make it work. There are so many fun and unusual people here."

"The (USA Today) article was wonderful," said Dick

Stamm. "It's the best advertisement we can get."

"We always knew we were a great place to be," said owner of Paper Moon Vicky Niolet. "Now the rest of the world is discovering us."

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## Beach -- renourishment

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shore burrow lying south and west of Buccaneer Park.

Plans are to create a beach 200-feet wide and three-feet high, and to construct to jetties, 200-feet long on either side of the proposed sand beach.

At the November meeting, the Clermont Harbor Civic Association and officials of the Gulfside Methodist Assembly said they wanted the beach to extend to their areas, and

opposed any beach renourishment project that excluded their areas.

Other opponents, longtime fishermen and some businessmen, said the new sand beach would deprive them of fishing off the present seawall.

Still others charged supervisors proposed the sand beach to benefit casino developers who plan to revive the former Jubilation gambling site at

Bayou Caddy.

Those who signed the petition circulated by Maness said the new sand beach would protect Beach Boulevard from further undermining.

Maness said recent tests show Beach Boulevard was "so badly undermined it will collapse if it doesn't get a protective beach quickly."

## Great Books discussion group to meet

The next Great Books discussion group meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The group is currently studying the volume, *The Art of the Story*. The readings for this session will be *Moving House* by Pawel Huelle and *A Family Supper* by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March, 1990.

Since that time, members have read more than 345 titles and they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes, Locke, deTocqueville), Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions.

The group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Great Books Foundation was established in 1947 by University of Chicago Chancellor Robert Maynard Hutchins. Its mission is to provide people of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life

with the opportunity to read, discuss and learn from outstanding works of literature.

Today, more than 20,000 adults are members of Great Books discussion groups, and nearly one million students participate in Junior Great Books groups for grades kindergarten through 12.

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For information, call David Woodburn at 467-5282.

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Contact Barbara Hancock for more information at 228-467-7945.

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ties to make a difference in a child's life with the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse are available.

Contact Venecia Allgood at 228-868-8686 for more information.

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## Water gardens make yards more fun



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Yosemite National Park is famous for its majestic waterfalls, but it was a babbling brook that my family appreciated there last summer during a hike through a forest.

We sat down to watch, listen and appreciate for 30 minutes or so. That mood and pleasure created by this active water can be duplicated in any landscape.

Water features have become the rage all over the South in home landscapes. You may be anxious to get a do-it-yourself water garden going in your landscape. Before you make that purchase, however, there are some key considerations.

A water feature is a dramatic addition to the landscape and in many cases becomes the focal point. It also becomes a place to gather, sit, watch and relax.

Any landscape can be made more enjoyable with water. Water adds a soothing, calming element to a hectic world. There are two primary types of water features to choose from: active and passive.

Passive water moves only by a breeze like an earthen pond or perhaps a concrete pond. We have all watched the wind create tiny ripples on a pond.

But with the addition of plants like irises, lilies ferns, and umbrella plants your passive water pond then becomes a wonderful and unique garden.

If you think flowers can't be pretty in a water garden you haven't looked at water lilies lately.

Active water is different in that it moves, such as a cascading, rocky waterfall or a babbling brook. Active water features open up a new sensory perception - sound.

It is peaceful and soothing to listen to water move. This is evident in all of the tapes and compact disks sold that have water sounds to help listeners relax.

Waterfalls are also extra special in that they create vertical movement. Water also can flow out of decorative containers or fountains, and those are usually a smaller hit on the pocketbook.

So before you make your purchase decide on whether you want active or passive, formal or more natural. A water feature is sure to enhance your landscape and make your outdoors more enjoyable.

Nurseries and garden centers now stock everything you need to install your own water garden including aquatic plants and koi. Koi are the large goldfish-looking fish that seem to get more valuable with

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# Order in the Court!

(... Thanks to some helpful volunteers)



RSVP and the city of Waveland held a thank you Christmas party for court volunteers Friday. Pictured in front are: Paula Fayard, Gerri Boulet and Ethel Gladney. In the rear are Mayor Tommy Longo, Jay LaGasse, Garry McLain, Gerald Gex, Joanne LaGasse, Randolph Bourgeois and Al Pepperman.

## RSVP court program turning heads all over the region - and state

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

A new and unique volunteer program started this August in the Waveland court system, but the program may spread, as it has drawn interest from the state RSVP office, Bay St. Louis, the county and even Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove.

The program, the brain child of RSVP Director Joanne LaGasse and Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, involves senior volunteers in the city's court system.

"The court was shorthanded and couldn't afford to hire staff members," said LaGasse. "And over a couple of lunch meetings, Mayor Longo suggested we get together with Ethel Gladney and Paula Fayard and try to fill the gap with RSVP volunteers."

"At first we didn't have any idea if anyone would be interested in doing this kind of thing," said Longo. "We were shocked at the number of people who signed up and the quality of the individuals who volunteered to help."

"We advertised for volunteers in our newsletter and, once it went out, we were full in two or three days," said LaGasse.

Gerri Boulet, who volunteers on Wednesday afternoons, said she does just about anything she is needed to

do, from filing to answering the phone. Boulet has a background as a contract analyst for Mobil Oil and says the office environment suits her.

"And these are the two nicest ladies (Paula and Ethel) you could work for," said Boulet. "Also, I have learned so much about the city and that's great ... you don't realize the number of problems that a small city can have. It's been an education."

Al Pepperman volunteers on Thursday afternoons. He does everything from entering data into computers to stamping court folders for actions.

"I've enjoyed the work," said Pepperman. "It's been a new experience and I like working with the people I know here."

Jay Lagasse volunteers on Monday and Thursday mornings and his duties include putting tickets into the computer, sending out warning letters, handling mail, assisting on court day, and taking fines.

Garry McLain volunteers on Tuesday morning and has many of the same duties as other volunteers, including assigning case numbers.

"I love it dearly," said McLain. "I have a background in corrections and feel very much at home here."

Randolph Bourgeois volunteers on Thursday mornings and describes himself as a full-time volunteer.

"I'm either here or at the hospital where my wife and I volunteer. It's

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## 'I see, you see, we see' - there's a whole lotta seein' goin on

(These columns follow the general theme of short stories in my books about the coast such as my latest, "Where the Blue Herons Dance." These are published by Annabelle Press and are available at regional book stores.)

In the early morning I usually sit on the porch and watch the day begin. Last Wednesday was no exception. I was watching the eastbound brown pelicans do their morning hustle by our house. The presented scattered long lines of black silhouettes.

There wasn't as many as there are on some days when groups of twenty or more go by hurrying to appointments to the east of us. In fact lately their appointment seem to be in our local area as gradually more and more of these peli-

cans have began stopping and spending the day in front of our beach.

So it wasn't too surprising when I spotted a group of about ten flew past Carrere's long pier just to the west of us and started across the open water in front of me.

Now what happened started out quite normal and perhaps it will help explain what appeared to happen by describing what "drafting" is in pelican flying.

A pelican tries to conserve energy even when they are in as much of a hurry as these birds were (after all they haven't eaten since late yesterday).

They do this energy conservation by both gliding and drafting. You've probably already seen a gliding pelican



### Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette  
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skim impossibly low over the water, and except for slight feather corrections, remain absolutely motionless in its long glide.

When pelicans do this they are actually falling in a long, drawn out, perfectly controlled manner. What they are doing is floating on a weakening cushion of air that will hold the bird up as it glides on and on, sinking lower and lower.

Then, at the last possible moment, when that last bit of

cushioning air is all but gone, the bird will catch itself and, with several hard flaps of its wings, rise up to a height above the water of eight to ten feet, where it will again begin its long, skimming, controlled glide.

When you see birds in formations, they are drafting, that is they glide one behind the other with each successive bird gaining a little lift from the bird in front of them. A lot of birds do this, not just pelicans.

You have undoubtedly seen geese flying in their "V" formation. They are drafting, conserving energy during their long migratory flights.

In the pelican's case, the birds will stay in formation, each bird riding in the wake of the one in front of it, their wings stretched out in motionless grace, slowly sinking lower and lower, until finally the time comes for the lead bird to rise.

Then this leader flaps its wings hard several times to get its lift again. With this vigorous push it rises up to its previous height of about eight feet, then the second one will do the same hard flapping and it too will rise, then the third will flap and then the fourth, each bird moving in sequential step in

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# Entertainment

## Creating your own Christmas traditions

Christmas is a holiday rich in traditions. The music, the food, the decorations and the meaning — all are familiar faces that remind us of our own childhood Christmases.

If you are looking for new traditions to add to your holiday celebration, some of the ideas below, provided by members of the Millsaps College community, may be perfect for your family.

Many people drive around to look at Christmas lights, bake cookies to give to friends and family and open a single present on Christmas Eve.

In the spirit of giving, others give blood or help a needy family through numerous charitable organizations. "We have a canned food drive for local charities," said Sarah McGuire, assistant professor of biology. "It involves students, our Cub Scouts and friends."

**Music.** Music is a big part of the Christmas tradition, so crank up the Christmas CDs, go caroling or gather around the piano to enjoy favorite carols.

"Most of the people in my family are musicians — former band directors and such — so we go caroling. Some of us play our instruments and the rest do vocals," said Doc Billingsley, a freshman from Senatobia.

Families with a musical bent can also perform for nursing home residents or hospital shut-ins each year.

**Spirituality.** Christmas is a time when people reconnect with their spiritual side. Many people enjoy a traditional service such as midnight mass during the holidays.

Families can read the Bible aloud or make a cake and sing happy birthday to Jesus. Christmas is also a time of thought and meditation. "On Christmas morning, we pass around the Bible and read about the birth of Jesus to remind us, before we open any presents, of what Christmas is really all about," said Jane Buck, a senior from Alexandria, La.

**Food.** Hot chocolate, bourbon balls, egg nog and cinnamon rolls are traditional holiday foods. From Christmas dinner, replete with turkey, ham and all the trimmings, to breakfast on

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas morning, which can include everything from cheese souffle to fresh-baked muffins, everyone loves to indulge a little during this special time of year.

"Every Christmas morning, my family has eaten the same menu: a cheese souffle with bacon, muffins and fresh fruit," said Pat Cox, a Computer Services staff member from Madison.

"This tradition began before I was born, and I have carried it on with my family." Putting out the evening treats and note for Santa and his reindeer can also become a heartwarming holiday ritual.

"Cookies, peanuts, pralines, pretzels and a few slices of apple always do the trick," said Jeff Mitchell, Millsaps Sports Information director. "And we have come to find out that Santa does not like milk as his snack beverage. He much prefers Diet Coke."

**Decorations.** Christmas just isn't Christmas without a tree and lights. Make a tradition of selecting just the right live Christmas tree with your family. If you choose to buy an artificial tree, make sure that trimming the tree is a cherished tradition, complete with cookies, cider and music.

Many families hand down the same ornaments from generation to generation, while other families buy a few new ornaments to commemorate each Christmas.

"We have three horses, and we even go to the barn and decorate!" said Jeannine Mickelberg, a Jackson senior. "We put up a Christmas tree in the tack room and an individual horse's stocking up in front of each stall."

**Family.** Above all, people enjoy spending time with their family members during the holidays, and they cling to many traditions that allow them to enjoy time together.

"Mom and I make a gingerbread house each year as soon as I get home for the holidays," said Molly Jeffcoat, a senior from McComb.

"It's so much fun, and it gives my mom and I much needed catch-up time. Others travel in order to be with loved ones for Christmas."

"My family and I go to my grandma's house in French Camp," said Brice Poe, a Jackson freshman.

Every Christmas, we all sit outside under the starry sky in front of a bonfire. We just talk and have a good time enjoying the nice cold fresh air. Occasionally, we roast marshmallows or hot dogs.

Whether you have older children or are just beginning to start a family, it's never too late to fill the holiday season with special memories. These ideas can help create Christmas traditions that you and your family will enjoy and cherish for years to come.

### 10 Christmas traditions you can start in your own family

1. Give blood. During the holidays, most blood banks experience a shortage, and with the inevitable travel accidents, your donation is certainly needed.

2. Read a favorite book or watch a favorite movie. Popular literature includes the Bible, *The Gift of the Magi*, *The Christmas Box* and *Twice the Night Before Christmas*. Popular movies include *It's a Wonderful Life*, *A Christmas Story*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*.

3. Go caroling. If anyone plays a guitar or other portable instrument, bring it along! Enjoy hot chocolate or cider afterwards.

4. Learn about how popular Christmas traditions began, or find out how other cultures celebrate Christmas.

5. Make pomanders or gingerbread houses. These treats offer familiar sights and fragrances during the holidays.

6. Attend a special service or performance. Midnight mass, a holiday concert or a production of *A Christmas Carol* will put you in a holiday mood and remind you of the reason for the season.

7. Remember others by donating to a canned food or toy drive.

8. Host an open house and invite your friends and family. Make it easy on yourself by serving simple foods so that you can enjoy spending time with

the people you love.

9. Re-connect with people that you've lost track of during the year. Call that college roommate you've been missing, or catch up with the cousin you haven't seen in a while.

10. Make a gift. Making your own gift will send a special message to its recipient, and it will remind you of childhood days when homemade gifts were always the preferred choice.

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Curtains for the sold-out Biloxi High School Auditorium event is at 7:30 p.m.

The holiday event will serve as the organization's "media night," according to board president Russell Thompson.

The program follows the recent standing-room-only concert by the Tommy Dorsey

Orchestra.

Under the artistic direction of Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang, the troupe has performed in over 65 countries around the world, including performances at such prestigious venues as the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Caesar's Palace and Germany's Elspe Festival.

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## Engagements



Ashley Elmer and Lance Grogg

## Elmer-Grogg

Brenda Elmer of Gulfport announces the engagement of her daughter, Ashley Ann Elmer of Bay St. Louis, to Lance Christopher Grogg of Bay St. Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Grogg, both of Crestview, Fla.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Gulfport High School and was graduated with honors from the University of Southern Mississippi with both a bachelor of science degree and a master's degree in education. She is a teacher at Bay-Waveland Middle School.

Her grandparents are the

late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hebert and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Elmer.

The future groom is a graduate of Crestview High School. He is presently employed with BE & K Construction at DuPont DeLisle. His grandparents are the late Dan B. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Decell of Bay St. Louis, and Lola Grogg, of Junction City, Kan.

Vows will be exchanged December 29, 2001, at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

## Study shows forests will remain vital to the South of the future

BY MARK JAMIESON  
County Forester

Forests will continue to predominate the southern landscape, and the forest products industry will remain a vital component of the southern economy far into the future, according to the just-released comprehensive *Southern Forest Resource Assessment*.

The study, which projects forests trends for the 13 southern states through 2040, forecasts that forest acreage will remain relatively unchanged, with a decrease of no more than two percent.

However, land use is expected to shift as urban areas expand, reducing forest acreage in some areas, but with an offsetting increase in others as abandoned farm land is reforested.

Urbanization in the East is encroaching on forest land, causing fragmentation and reducing forest access and local residents, Florida, northern Virginia and northern Kentucky and areas along major interstate highway corridors are primarily affected.

Forecasts from 1992 to 2020 indicate outward growth and increased human impact on forests surrounding urban centers including Atlanta, Nashville and Charlotte, N.C. and along the Gulf of Mexico coastal areas.

These losses will be largely offset by increasing reforestation in areas such as Mississippi, which has steadily been gaining forests since 1970.

The South still has 60 percent of its original forest land (compared to 1630), and 91% of

the 1907 total, with 214 million acres. Mississippi has 18.5 million acres, or 62% of its land area in forests.

In the southern region, private land ownership predominates, with 89 percent. Twenty-two percent of private timberland is owned by forest industries; 21 percent by farmers, 12 percent by other corporations and 45 percent by other individuals.

Eleven percent is managed by various government agencies. Mississippi's ownership pattern is similar.

But ownership patterns are changing with a decrease in forest industry ownership between the 1980's and 1990's and an increase in other corporate owners, including timber investment organizations.

The study, led by the USDA Forest Service in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Tennessee Valley Authority and the southern states represented by their forestry and fish and wildlife agencies, concludes that land use in the south will continue to shift between forest and non-forest uses.

The East and areas near

urban centers will lose forest, but the western section, including Mississippi, stands to gain. Overall, there will be very little net loss of southern forest land.

In future articles we will examine the study's forecast for the economic and environmental impact of the southern forest.

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## Births

### KAYLEE MAE POUNDS

Kevin Duane and Shannon Mae Pounds of Carriere announce the birth of a daughter, Kaylee Mae, Sept. 29, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are J. W. and Clara Rushing of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Duane Pounds of Bogalusa and David and Cindy Thomas of Cross Roads, Miss.

### DALTON JACE BANKS

Michael James and Dana Lynn Banks of Slidell announce the birth of a son, Dalton Jace, July 10, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Frank and Valerie Warkoski of Diamondhead and the late Vance Wayne Kendrick.

Paternal grandparents are Eleanor Grace Banks of Pensacola, Fla. and the late Atmore Maurice Banks Jr.

### SHANNON MARIE CHESTER

David Scott and Brandi Cheri Chester of Pearl River, La. announce the birth of a daughter, Shannon Marie, Sept. 6, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Mike Lane and Tracy Willis, both of Pearl River. Paternal grandparents are David C. Chester of Bay St. Louis and Toni Palmasono of Kiln.

### ALLISON CLAIRE LYONS

John E. Lyons, III, and Donna M. Lyons of Waveland announce the birth of a daughter, Allison Claire, Sept. 4, 2001, at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Andrew and Florence Mitchell of Waveland. Paternal grandparents are Cynthia Smith of Biloxi; the late Norman Ford; and John and Anneliese Lyons of Biloxi.

### BAYLEE ISABELL FORE

Jeremy Patrick and Joleen Ladner Fore of Kiln announce the birth of a daughter, Baylee Isabella, August 30, 2001, at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Joe Ladner of Kiln. Paternal grand-

parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forest and Mrs. Greg Bilbo, all of Picayune.

### JENNA DANIELE WYMAN

Jaret and Jennifer Wyman of Pearlinton announce the birth of a daughter, Jenna Daniele, August 31, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Michael and Brenda Nease of Pass Christian. Paternal grandparents are Gary and Linda Wyman of Pearlinton.

### COOPER HAYS HART

Philip Hays and Auburne Leigh Hart of Waveland announce the birth of a son, Cooper Hays, Sept. 26, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandmother is Barbara Hamilton of Mobile, Ala. Paternal grandparents are deceased.

### THERESE ELIZABETH JARRELL-THORNTON

Tina Marie Jarrell and James Adam Thornton of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Therese Elizabeth, Nov. 17, 2001 at 9:49 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 5 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Floyd and Patricia Jarrell Jr. of Bay St. Louis. Paternal grandparents are Michael and Scherrie Berry of Bay St. Louis. Great-grandparents include Floyd and Christine Jarrell Sr. of Florida, Willie Pitts of Bay St. Louis and Bennie Ray McLain of Philadelphia, Miss.

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## Views -- A lot to see

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seemingly choreographed movements that I once described as being "like a synchronized line of ballet dancers."

This is what I was seeing this Wednesday morning. Several groups had gone by and now this group of perhaps ten were coming across the water in front of me fairly close to the beach. They made a pretty sight and I sat up to watch.

They were sinking lower and lower. I marveled at their ability to choose that exact split second to rise. And then it happened! I was so shocked I stood

up to see it more clearly.

The lead pelican had waited too long! Its split second had past!

It hit the water, tumbling in an ungraceful head-over-heels crash of bird and water. Behind it, the second bird couldn't stop and it too crashed and splashed.

Behind these two, the third bird tried to angle by, but it also did not have any lift and its right wing caught the water and it cartwheeled into the water beside them.

The remaining birds lifted

and circled over the three undoubtedly calling down words of encouragement and sympathy (I don't believe pelicans are capable of rude remarks. If they had been gulls, I'm sure the noise of derisive laughing would have filled the air).

It appeared to be a mess. But after a few moments, the birds in the water got themselves organized and lifted to join the circling friends and they moved on with, I am sure, a different leader.

Now having seen this I was

puzzled. I could describe what happened as I have done here.

But something was missing. Here was an event that I had never seen happen before and probably will never see again and I had no one to share it with.

I find that life's best enjoyments are those you share with someone.

Someone you can nudge and they will nod and agree and somehow that togetherness increases the pleasure of the moment.

Of course there are times

when there are limits to this sharing.

Not long ago, Stella pointed out to me tight swirls in the shallow water in front of the house.

They were being caused by porpoises.

"They are awfully close in, Paul and it looks like they are almost going in circles. How can they be feeding like that?"

I watched them for a few seconds and then told her what they were actually doing.

"Really! Are you sure? Suppose the kids come down

from up the street? They will see them out there."

We watched the agitated swirls for a few more minutes and then they appeared to stop and the porpoises moved on. I looked over at Stella and she was smiling evidently as tickled at what we were privileged to see as I was.

"I doubt if the kids would have known what was happening," I said as we got up and went inside. "Besides it would have been hard to explain. Did you notice? There were three of them."



## Achievement workshop

Leadership Consultant Tom Hewlett (center) with Premier, A Franklin Covey Company, recently spent four days at Hancock High School teaching 300 sophomore students "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens." This 5-hour student achievement workshop taught students seven habits developed by Sean Covey that will enable them to be more successful in whatever they do — school, employment, and daily life. The intensive training, paid for through the School-to-Careers grant, provided each student with a workbook, 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens book, a quiz, evaluation materials, and certificate of completion. One Hancock High counselor, LuBeth Gundlach, was also certified as a train-the-trainer for the Student Achievement Workshop.

## RSVP -- Court program

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interesting and enjoyable and I like working. I like to be wherever I'm needed and the pay is good too," he said — laughing.

Volunteers Doreta Hamilton and Millie Buerkle were unable to attend the party.

Lagasse said the organization plans to continue the volunteer program in January.

"It's been one of our most successful programs," she said.

The program plans to use the same staff, because of the time and energy that has gone into training. But two additional volunteers will be needed to fill slots on Wednesday and Friday mornings, she said. The positions will be announced in the

January RSVP newsletter.

"Coming to court is usually not a happy experience," said Longo. "But the volunteers are doing their part to make things run smoothly."

"We handle about 1,200 cases a month," said Judge Gerald Gex. "You all have really been a great help and benefit

to the system. Without the volunteers it would not go as smoothly. You all have been fabulous ... fabulous for the system and fabulous for Waveland."

On Friday, the seven volunteers were honored at a Christmas party at the court room.

## Garden -- water, water everywhere

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age. Just about anyone can install water features. Fountains are available from those molded out of masonry, wooden barrels and even those created from metal.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. His office is

located at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at 1320 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154. He can be heard weekdays at 7:19 a.m. on Public Radio in Mississippi.

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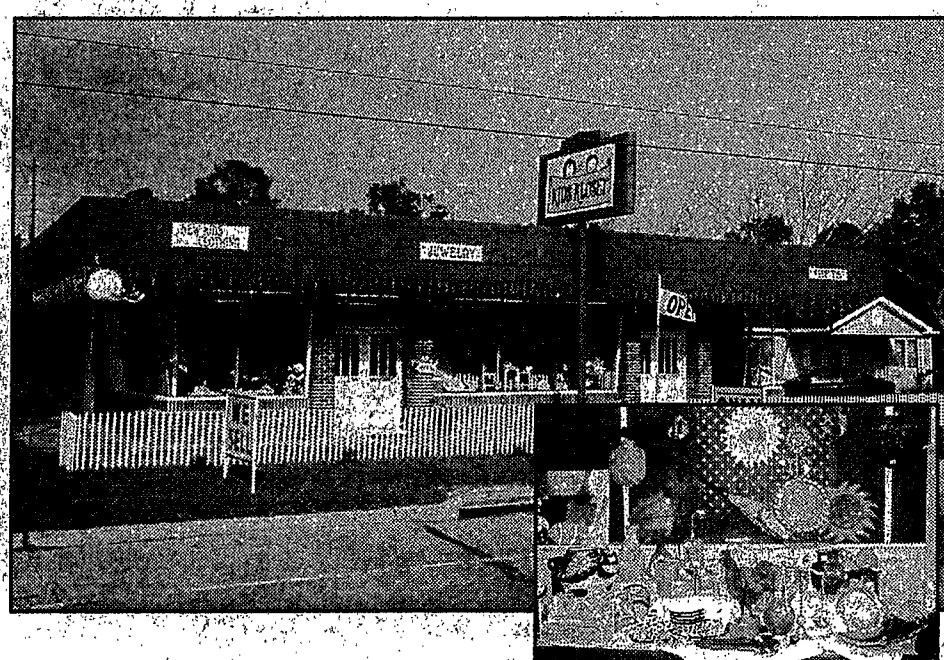
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## How to make it through the holidays after suffering the loss of a loved one

Expect range of emotions, but find ways to keep memories alive and go forward.

Getting through the first holiday season without a loved one can bring on a flood of emotions, but they don't all have to be bad.

It is always helpful to memorialize the loss of a loved one, said Joyce Rose Romm, a licensed social worker from Pass Christian.

The memories keep alive the people who touch our lives. As long as you are still here, their lives live on in you.

This holiday season will be particularly hard on the thousands of people who lost loved ones in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and related events. Even in less dramatic cases,

however, the individuals will face a variety of feelings.

The range of emotions felt by family members who have lost a loved one prior to the holiday season can vary from person to person, said Romm, who also is director of Social Singles.

However, one common reaction is acute depression where a person is at a family gathering for the first time and the spouse, parent or child is not there.

It would not be unusual, Romm said, for that person to feel overwhelmed emotionally and need to cry, be angry or both. It is also possible for people to feel anxious expecting their children or spouses to appear, since for years they

had been present at these get-togethers.

To help deal with the grief and those mourning during the holidays, Romm offers these suggestions:

\* Maintain an open and caring environment in which family members can be comfortable in expressing their feelings. Times like these can be of benefit to the grieving family.

However, the pain associated with facing a holiday gathering without their loved one may cause the person either to stay for a short time or not attend at all.

"Everyone in this kind of situation needs time to be with loved ones, but also time if necessary to be alone," Romm said.

\* Celebrate the deceased's life through prayers, visits to the gravesite or activities in that person's honor. "If grandchildren are used to making things for grandpa when he was living," Romm said, "ask them to remember a special time they had with him and

make a picture or craft in his honor."

\* Be sensitive to changes in children's behavior. "Communication about one's feelings is not always easy for children, especially in coping with the loss of a loved one," Romm said.

"Give them as much love and consistency in their daily lives as you can. Showing a depressed mood or anger is natural and it should be validated."

\* Also, let the children know that you too miss the deceased. "Children tend to be dependent on their parents and believe they will always be there for them," Romm said. "Talking about how you as parents, relatives and friends miss the loved one and wish he or she did not die can make a child realize your inability to control who lives and who dies."

\* Meet with your religious leader, use whatever rituals are recommended to honor and remember the dead person. Joining a grief recovery

group also can be helpful.

Romm, who holds a master's degree in social work from the New York University School of Social Work, encourages clients not only to grieve over a death but to celebrate one's quality of life.

No one can predict the future, Romm said, but this year has made most of us feel vulnerable. We need to remind each other how precious life is and how fortunate we are to touch each other's lives.

Social Singles is an organization devoted to building friendships among single people on the Coast. Meetings are held monthly at various locations.

For more information, contact Joyce Romm at (228) 452-2358 or by e-mail at joyce@romm.org. Social Singles has a Web site at [www.info-socialsingles.com](http://www.info-socialsingles.com).

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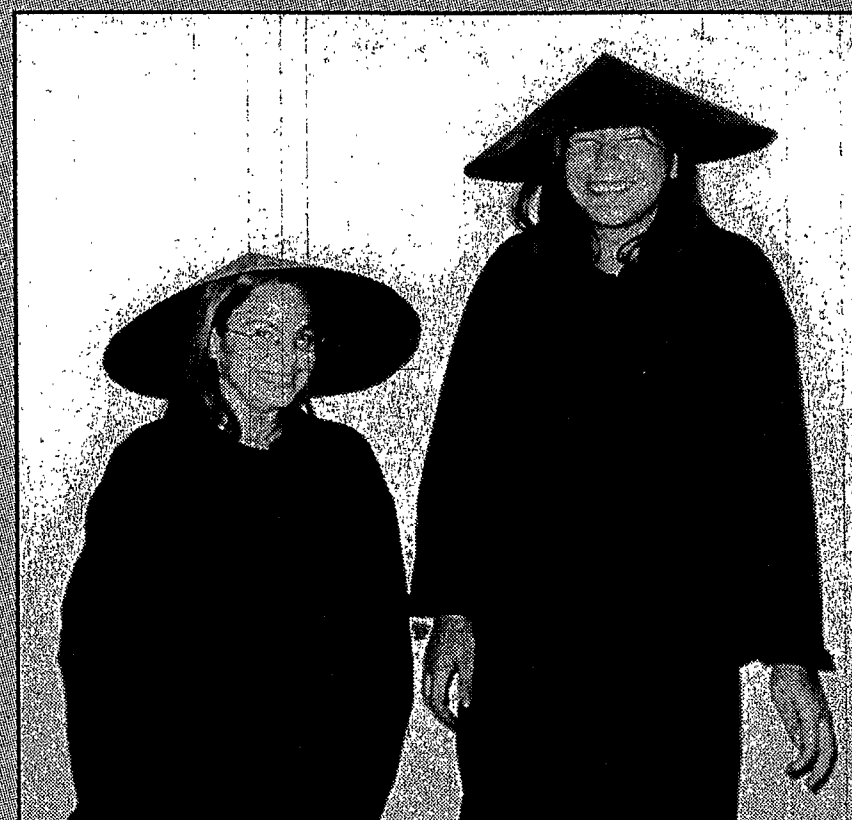
Today, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m., Bible Fellowship Church of Pass Christian will present a Christmas program entitled "The Christmas Story and the Old West."

The story line portrays the significance of the birth of Jesus Christ for all mankind. A 19th-century frontier church will be the pivotal point bringing together the main characters of the Savior's Nativity with a few denizens of the Old West, such as Chief Goldenfeather, a

Christian cowboy, gold prospectors, Chinese railway workers, and a circuit-riding preacher.

The musical drama, the text of which was written by Robert Daley of Woodmarket, is directed by Carol Mahler of Pass Christian.

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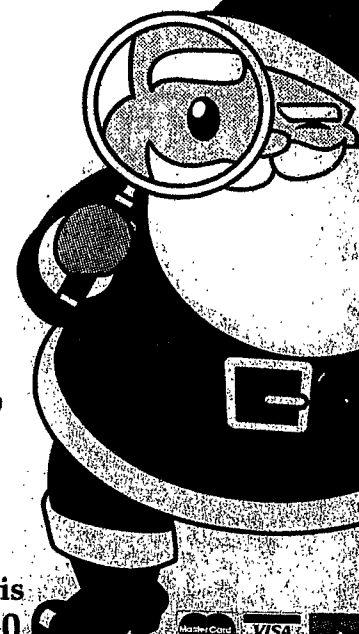
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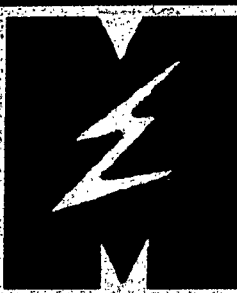
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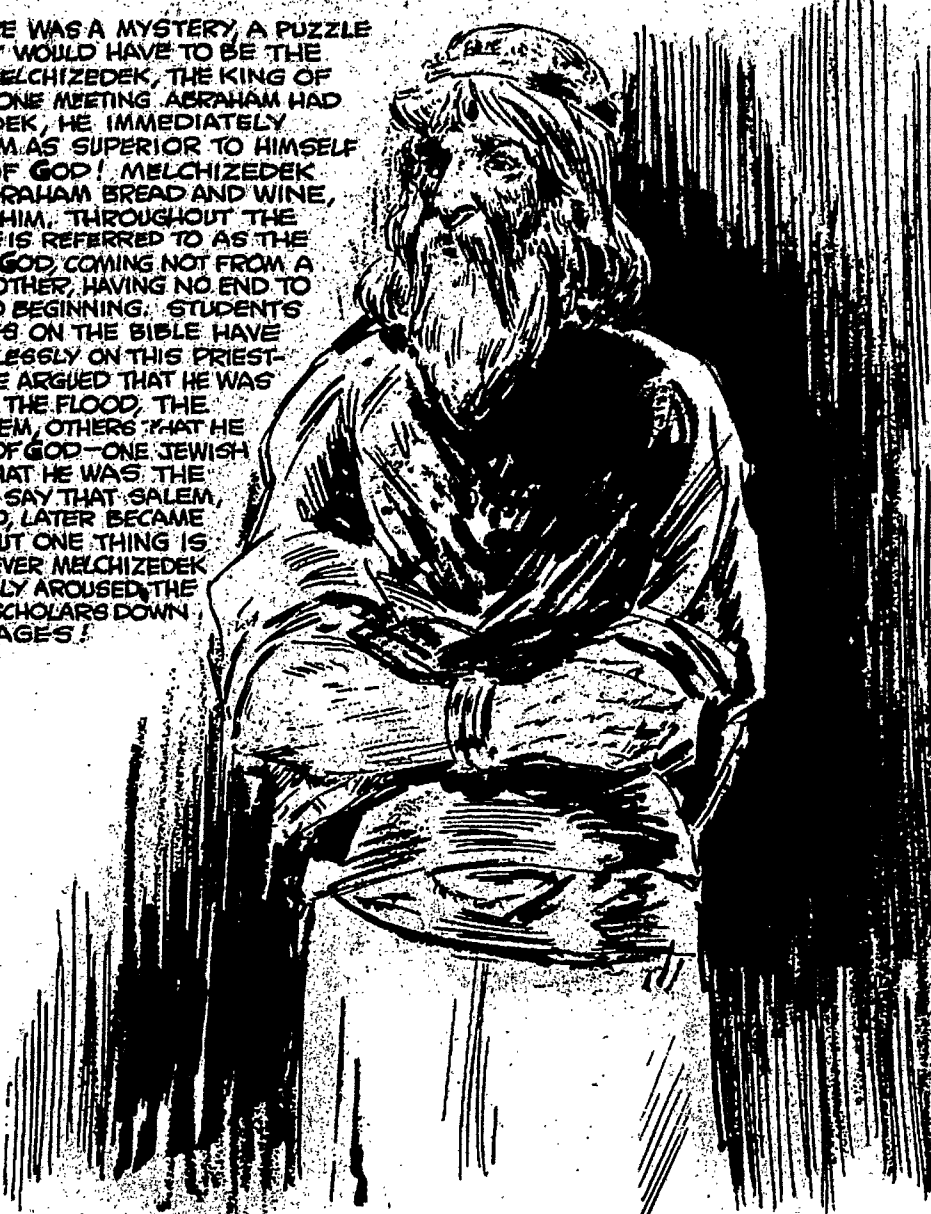
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REFLECTIONS  
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## Your sacrifice, our freedom

**F**ive Buffalo Soldiers sat proudly astride their high-spirited horses which ranged from solid, glossy black to painted, mottled and various shades.

They were more eye-catching than even the World War II half-tracks with .30- and .50-millimeter canons, more than the spiffy marching bands, and more than the scores of other vehicles in the Pacific Victory Parade.

Smartly decked out in black riding suits with a loud yellow kerchief around their necks, the Buffaloes joined the veterans march for the first time, eager for everyone to know about the all-black 9th Cavalry organized in 1866, veterans of action in Cuba and in World War II.

Two weeks after the heart-wrenching 911, as we came to the end of a memorial service here at St. Augustine Church, George Jones, current president of the local chapter of Buffalo Soldiers, invited me as chaplain of this local group of the Buffaloes. Hence, my participation in the December 7 parade.

Most spine-tingling of all, however, were the flybys. There were four F-16 jet fighters which made numerous passes in cruciform formation. Two Hogs, or A-10s, of Persian Gulf tank-killer fame, made their rounds.

Sentimental chords were struck as a B-17 Flying Fortress cruised by off and on.

A Billy Mitchell B-25, the type which bombed Tokyo from an aircraft carrier in 1945, got everybody's attention as well.

Thoroughly hair-raising was the large, yet sleek, powerful, speedy, simply awesome B-1 bomber which quietly slipped in and out of view with alarming speed and maneuverability.

So long was the parade, which followed a square route of about four miles, that the beginning of it was returning to the staging area a scant ten minutes after the end had departed. Engrossing of itself, the endless column of bands, people and vehicles was frequently punctuated by the spectacular flybys.

December 7, 1941, of course, was the trigger behind all this, with Pearl Harbor reminders all over the media and throughout the country.

Linkage with the devastating, unthinkable 911 made the whole memorial only more poignant, more heart-grabbing for everyone.

Appropriately, the opening of the imposing, 5000-square-foot Pacific Wing of the World War II D-Day Museum, located in the uptown section of New Orleans, was being dedicated by the Pacific Victory Parade.

Already jump-started and heightened when the D-Day Museum was inaugurated in 2000, the patriotic awareness of Americans was deepened beyond measure by the tragic events of 911.

Whether as participants or spectators, the hearts of all involved in what was a very upbeat, joyous parade also felt the double weight of the two sneak attacks on American dignity and safety.

Loud cheers, thunderous applause, finger-waving, fist-waving, homemade sign-waving, arm-waving, saluting and flag-waving were the order of the day, fluctuating from mild and sporadic in some thinner areas, to raucous and explosive where grandstands were set up.

Above the joyful din, one could hear almost constant shouts of "Thank you! Thank you!" spilling from the mouths of wide-eyed, often teary-eyed spectators, many of whom kept saying, "We are free because of you!"

They were simply articulating the numerous signs held high and proclaiming, "Thank you!" "Your Sacrifice Our Freedom!"

As I quickly discovered, it was impossible for anyone participating in the parade not to be caught up and fired by the emotional outpouring of the effusive crowd. Before I knew it, I was waving both arms as heartily as any politician, blowing kisses, and shouting "Thank you!" in response to theirs.

It was a fascinating, benign cycle in which the spectators fed off the jaunty spirit of the paraders even while the paraders were feeding off the ebullient spirit of the spectators.

Through it all, I kept wondering why and how I could ever have been hesitant to be a part of this veterans' parade.

Although I am not a veteran of Uncle Sam's military, I do belong to the Army of Christ, as we often say.

My older brother, Colonel Louis Verlin LeDoux, a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette, served as a chaplain in the Air Force for well over 30 years, and, even now in semi-retirement, is called up often by the government to do chaplain supervisory work around the world.

I must let him know that he can no longer pull rank on me, albeit my status is non-military and confined to the small doings of one city.

But, in one fell swoop, I got an eyeful and earful of what a military chaplaincy entails. The willing sacrifice of so many to give their time, energy and sometimes their lives for God and country is a treasure of freedom we must never forget.

## The Bible

BY ED YOUNG

2 Cor. 7:10 - for godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Paul writing to the Corinthians is saying to be grieved that you disappointed. God will bring repentance and salvation. But to grieve over the things of this world will only lead you to death.

Many of us are more interested in money than the riches of God. Some of us prefer this earthly home rather than the heavenly home. Still others seek favor with society over favor with the King of Kings.

The Bible says: "For what would a man profit if he should gain the whole world, but lose his soul?"

Repentance is necessary before salvation; man must realize he is lost before he can be saved.

To be grieved of the things you did against God is the way to eternal life through Christ.

However, many of us try to do both. We are church-goers and we have also a crave for the things of this world; we deceive ourselves.

Yet, we should not be deceived, for man's life span in the world is but a short time. Life is but a fraction between two eternities.

Jesus says: for whosever will save his life shall lose it; and whosever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

We should lose ourselves in Christ and put our hearts' desire in the hands of the Master.

In this writer's opinion, the values of this world will be worth very little in the not too distant future.

But, for the born-again believer in Jesus Christ, the rapture is drawing near.

## The true meaning of Christmas

Santa Claus is a jolly ole man with lots of presents for the good little girls and boys.

But to me the meaning of Christmas is to celebrate Jesus' birth. Because when you take the m, a, and s off of Christmas you get Christ.

We all know who Christ is, so we celebrate Him. So on every Christmas Eve, don't think about yourself for once, but think about the little children around the world that are dying and suffering because they have no homes.

Think about them and find a little goodness in your heart to give them presents so they can be happy.

They are happy with whatever you get them, because they have nothing else. They don't even have anybody to care for them.

Greed is not the meaning of Christmas. That's why it is better to give than to receive.

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The Savior promised to Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:15) and believed in by Noah (Genesis 5:29); Abraham (Genesis 12:3); David (Psalm 32:1-2), and many others was now born in Bethlehem.

"And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased'" (Luke 2:13-14).

An angelic choir gives praise to God for the birth of the Savior. The choir also brings a promise of peace. It is peace among those who

please God.

How do we please God? The Bible tells us forthrightly. "Without faith it is impossible to please Him" (Hebrews 11:6). We please God through faith in the promised Savior just as Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, and David did.

God's salvation is "not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy" (Titus 3:5).

"For by grace you have been saved through faith" (Ephesians 2:8).

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). He is the only "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

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6 p.m., St. John's

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Bob Hubbard, education committee chairman for the Rotary Club, left, presents the club's Teacher of the Month Award to Jan Jarrell, an instructor at Hancock Vo-Tech. Also pictured is Hancock Vo-Tech Principal Rick Saucier.

## USM to grant nearly 1,400 degrees

Nearly 1,400 University of Southern Mississippi students were candidates for degrees Friday during 2001 summer commencement exercises. Southern Miss President Aubrey Lucas was to confer 1,022 undergraduate and 360 graduate and specialist degrees during two ceremonies at Reed Green Coliseum on the Hattiesburg campus. The USM Gulf Park campus in Long Beach has another 185 candidates. Candidates for graduation from the local area included:

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## Locals among MSU fall semester graduates

More than 1,300 Mississippi State students were candidates for degrees at the conclusion of the 2001 fall semester.

Graduates received diplomas Dec. 14 in ceremonies in Humphrey Coliseum.

Graduating with honors were bachelor's-degree students who had exceptional scholastic averages and at least half their total required course hours earned at MSU.

Their levels of recognition and the minimum required averages for each (based on a 4.0 grade-point scale) include: summa cum laude, 3.80; magna cum laude, 3.60; and cum laude, 3.40.

The academic honors are recorded on the graduates' diplomas and permanent records, as well as in the commencement program.

Local degree candidates are: Christine Benvenuti of Bay St. Louis, bachelor of business administration, College and Business & Industry

Jason Chiniche of Bay St. Louis, bachelor of science, College of Engineering

David Deblanc of Starkville, bachelor of science, summa cum laude, College of Engineering

Amie Geary of Waveland, bachelor of fine arts, College of Arts & Sciences

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Amanda Wilcox of Waveland, bachelor of science, College of Engineering

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Student Activity 17,009.10  
Title III Goals 2000 Ed Am Act 11,255.21  
School Food Service 45,491.83  
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